



# THE BOARD of SUPERVISORS

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**Gloria  
Molina**

## Second District



**Yvonne  
Brathwaite  
Burke**

## Third District



**Zev  
Yaroslavsky**

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1                   **[NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,**  
2                   **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 175.]**

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4       There was no reportable action as a result of today's closed  
5       session.

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8       **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY  
9       PASTOR MEL AYRES, OF THE PRESENCE CHURCH, WOODLAND HILLS, AND  
10      THAT'S FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL  
11      BE LED BY DONALD BRANDON, COMMANDER, POST NUMBER 888,  
12      PATRIOTIC HALL, LOS ANGELES AMERICAN VETERANS, FROM THE SECOND  
13      DISTRICT. PASTOR?

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15      **PASTOR MEL AYRES:** FATHER, WE THANK YOU TODAY AS WE COME BEFORE  
16      YOU THAT WE CAN COME TO YOUR THRONE OF GRACE IN OUR TIME OF  
17      NEED AND LORD, FIRST OF ALL, WE WANT TO SAY THAT WE ARE IN  
18      NEED. WE NEED YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR GUIDANCE AND YOUR DIRECTION  
19      TODAY. WE KNOW THAT WITHOUT YOU, WE CAN DO NOTHING, BUT THE  
20      GOOD NEWS IS, WE'RE NOT WITHOUT YOU. LORD, THESE PUBLIC  
21      SERVANTS, THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT ARE MAKING DIRECTION FOR  
22      OUR CITY AND OUR NATION, OUR STATE, LORD, THEY NEED YOUR HELP,  
23      THEY NEED INSIGHT. ONLY YOU KNOW OUR TOMORROWS. THEY NEED YOU  
24      TO LEAD AND GUIDE THEM BY YOUR SPIRIT. AND LORD, I PRAY FOR  
25      STRENGTH AND COURAGE AND BOLDNESS FOR THESE PUBLIC SERVANTS,



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1 NOT ONLY TO DO A GOOD THING, BUT TO DO THE RIGHT THING, WITH  
2 INTEGRITY AND CHARACTER. AND I ASK THAT YOU WOULD BRING UNITY  
3 HERE, FOR THAT'S WHERE YOU COMMAND THE BLESSING. AND SO WE  
4 GIVE YOU ALL THE PRAISE TODAY, WE SAY THAT WE ARE IN NEED OF  
5 YOU AND THAT WE'RE THANKFUL THAT YOU'VE MADE IT AVAILABLE THAT  
6 WE COULD COME TO YOU TODAY IN YOUR MATCHLESS NAME, OUR KING.  
7 AMEN, AMEN.

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9 **DONALD BRANDON:** EXCUSE ME. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND JOIN ME IN  
10 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE WERE  
15 LED IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY PASTOR MEL AYRES, WHO IS  
16 THE FOUNDER AND SENIOR PASTOR OF IN HIS PRESENCE CHURCH IN  
17 WOODLAND HILLS. SINCE 1993 HIS CONGREGATION HAS GROWN TO OVER  
18 1,000 MEMBERS. PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO FULL-TIME MINISTRY,  
19 PASTOR AYRES HAD AN ACTING CAREER FOR 10 YEARS, AND APPEARED  
20 IN SHOWS SUCH AS "DAYS OF OUR LIVES," "THREE'S COMPANY,"  
21 "GENERAL HOSPITAL," AND "FALCON CREST." YOU NEEDED THAT OLD  
22 TIME RELIGION AFTER THAT. AND PASTOR AYRES MOVED TO SOUTHERN  
23 CALIFORNIA IN 1977. HE AND HIS WIFE, DESIREE, WERE MARRIED IN  
24 1982 AND CURRENTLY RESIDE IN AGOURA WITH THEIR SON. AND WE  
25 APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE LONG DRIVE IN THIS MORNING AND



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1 LEADING US IN THAT VERY MEANINGFUL INVOCATION. THANK YOU. [  
2 APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WERE PLEASED TO HAVE AS OUR PLEDGE  
5 VETERAN, DONALD BRANDON, AND HE IS FROM POST 888 PATRIOTIC  
6 HALL, LOS ANGELES AMERICAN VETERANS. HE'S THE COMMANDER. HE  
7 WAS IN THE MILITARY FROM '51 TO '55, AIRMAN FIRST CLASS U.S.  
8 AIR FORCE, 66TH 106TH INSTALLATION SQUADRON. THEY SERVED IN  
9 KOREA, HE RECEIVED THE AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL  
10 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO STARS,  
11 UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S A RETIRED MAIL CARRIER WITH  
12 THE U.S. POST OFFICE. HE HAS TWO CHILDREN, HE'S LIVED IN THE  
13 DISTRICT FOR 55 YEARS, AND HE WENT TO MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL  
14 WHICH IS WHERE I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL. [ APPLAUSE ]

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
17 BOARD. WE'LL GO THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, I'LL ANNOUNCE  
18 ALL OF THE HOLD ITEMS, AND THEN AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS, WE'LL  
19 COME BACK TO THE HEARING MATTERS. SO WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 7,  
20 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
21 DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ON ITEM  
2 NUMBER 1, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS A FOUR-WEEK  
3 CONTINUANCE TO SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2003.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 1 IS CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER  
6 23RD. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 5, AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA,  
9 THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REQUEST THAT THE ITEM ALSO BE  
10 CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2003.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 5 IS CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 23RD,  
13 2003.

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15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 7, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
16 SERVICES REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 7 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE  
19 WEEK.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 11, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD  
22 OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 12 THROUGH 32, AND I HAVE FOLLOWING  
23 REQUEST. ITEM NUMBER 17 INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE  
24 GREEN SHEET. ON ITEM NUMBER 18, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET,



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1 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TO  
2 OCTOBER 21, 2003.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 21ST.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 19, WE HAVE A SLIGHT  
7 REVISION. ON PAGE 14, ON THE SECOND LINE, IT SAYS ESTABLISH A  
8 ROVING TROUBLESHOOTER PROGRAM TO ALLOW HIGH LEVEL COUNTY  
9 MANAGERS, AND IF YOU'LL STRIKE THE WORD "NEW" AND PUT IN  
10 "EXPERIENCED," SO IT BE "EXPERIENCED COUNTY EMPLOYEE  
11 POLLWORKERS" AND SO ON. ON ITEM NUMBER 26, HOLD FOR PETER  
12 BAXTER. ON ITEM 28, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM  
13 29, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER LARRY FORESTER FROM SIGNAL HILL AND OTHERS, AND  
15 THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS ASKING--  
18 OH, THAT'S ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS-- ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED BY  
19 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED  
20 ON THE REMAINDER.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 33 THROUGH  
23 36. ON ITEM NUMBER 34, HOLD FOR GUY HARKER. ON ITEM NUMBER 36,  
24 IT INCLUDES THE REVISION AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, AND



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1 SUPERVISOR KNABE IS REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE ON THAT  
2 ITEM.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 36 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK, WITHOUT  
5 OBJECTION.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED  
10 BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 37 AND 38.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS. ON ITEM  
18 NUMBER 39 THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 39 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE  
21 WEEK.

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 40.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

2    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
5    REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
6    OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
7    THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
8    ITEM 41-A, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS AN AMENDMENT, AND IT  
9    SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE THIRD, FOURTH LINE, EXCUSE ME, THAT A  
10    COMMITMENT BE MADE TO PLACE THE DEED RESTRICTION ON AREAS ONE,  
11    TWO, AND THE AMENDMENT IS THREE, THIRD DEED RESTRICTION, AND  
12    IT-- THE THIRD DEED RESTRICTION WOULD LIMIT AIRCRAFT PARKING  
13    FOR PASSENGER LOADING AND UNLOADING IN THE AREA SOUTH OF  
14    CENTURY BOULEVARD, NORTH OF THE SOUTH RUNWAY COMPLEX, EAST OF  
15    SEPULVEDA, AND WEST OF AVIATION BOULEVARD BETWEEN SEPULVEDA,  
16    CENTURY, AVIATION, AND THE SOUTH RUNWAYS, AND THAT'S FOR AREA  
17    THREE. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU WITH THE AMENDMENT.

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19    **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE IT.

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21    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED AS AMENDED--

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23    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM 40-- EXCUSE ME.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
2   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM 41-B.

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.  
7   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
10   AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
11   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ONE CONSUL-GENERAL PRESENTATION.  
14   WE'RE VERY PLEASED THIS MORNING TO WELCOME THE NEW CONSUL-  
15   GENERAL OF ITALY, THE HONORABLE DIEGO BRASIOLI, AND THANK YOU  
16   FOR BEING HERE. CONSUL-GENERAL BRASIOLI ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES  
17   THIS MONTH FROM LEBANON, WHERE HE WAS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE  
18   MISSION IN THE ITALIAN EMBASSY. HE'S A GRADUATE OF THE  
19   UNIVERSITY OF ROME. HE JOINED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1986 AND  
20   SERVED FOR FOUR YEARS AT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD,  
21   PAKISTAN, WHERE HE WAS IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL  
22   AFFAIRS AND RELATIONS WITH THE AFGHANI RESISTANCE. HE SPENT  
23   FOUR YEARS IN AMMAN, JORDAN, AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION BEFORE  
24   RETURNING TO ROME, WHERE HE DEALT WITH THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE  
25   PROCESS, IRAN, IRAQ, AND LIBYA, AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE



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1 MIDDLE EAST DESK IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CONSUL-  
2 GENERAL BRASIOLI IS ALSO A WRITER WITH SEVERAL FICTIONAL SHORT  
3 STORIES AND ARTICLES TO HIS CREDIT, AS WELL AS ARTICLES ON  
4 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU AND  
5 YOUR WIFE AND FAMILY TO L.A. COUNTY AND LOOK FORWARD TO  
6 WORKING WITH YOU. PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PLAQUE, OUR COUNTY SEAL,  
7 TO COMMEMORATE YOUR APPOINTMENT AS A TOKEN OF OUR FRIENDSHIP  
8 AND ESTEEM, AND THIS SOUNDS IT'LL BE A VERY PEACEFUL MISSION  
9 COMPARED TO SOME OF THOSE YOU HAD BEFORE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF YOU'LL MAKE SOME REMARKS, AND THEN WE'LL  
12 GET PICTURES WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD.

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14 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
15 INDEED, IT'S SOUNDS A BIG CHANGE FROM MY PREVIOUS POSTINGS,  
16 AND I'M RELIEVED TO BE HERE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY OF LOS  
17 ANGELES. THIS IS GOING TO BE A CHALLENGING POST ANYHOW,  
18 BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT LOS ANGELES IS THE  
19 SECOND LARGEST CONSULAR CORE OFFICE IN THE STATES, WITH 88  
20 FOREIGN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN A CONSULAR LEVEL, AND IS THE  
21 FOURTH LARGEST IN THE WORLD AFTER NEW YORK, LONDON, AND PARIS.  
22 SO, A LOT OF WORK. I'M REALLY PLEASED AND THRILLED TO BE HERE  
23 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS WARM WELCOME, AND PLEASE  
24 CONSIDER THE CONSULATE OF ITALY AND MYSELF AT YOUR SERVICE FOR  
25 ANY NECESSITY OF IMPROVING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND THE



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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY IS VERY ACTIVE IN  
2 LOS ANGELES, IN THE COUNTY, AND HOPEFULLY NEXT YEAR, WE WILL  
3 HAVE SOME LANDMARKS, LIKE THE OPENING OF THE ITALIAN OLD  
4 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, THE NEW RESTORATION OF CASA ITALIANO,  
5 AND I'M REALLY VERY PROUD TO BE AT THE SERVICE OF THE LOCAL  
6 COMMUNITY, THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND THE LOCAL  
7 COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THIS IMPORTANT MOMENT.

8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS. THANK YOU. [  
9 APPLAUSE ] [ MIXED VOICES ]

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR -- WHO'S UP FIRST?

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK I AM.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY KNABE YOU'RE UP FIRST.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND  
18 GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME ANOTHER ONE OF OUR  
19 CHAMPIONS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT THIS ONE IS  
20 PARTICULARLY SPECIAL FOR ME. I GET TO HONOR A LOT OF HIGH  
21 SCHOOLS IN MY DISTRICT FOR THEIR VARIOUS, BOTH ACADEMIC AS  
22 WELL AS ATHLETIC ENDEAVORS. THIS ONE AS PARTICULAR AS I SAID,  
23 IT'S THE WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY TENNIS TEAM FROM  
24 CERRITOS. DID YOU HEAR THAT, ZEV? FROM CERRITOS. I WANT YOU TO  
25 KNOW THAT. AND STATE CHAMPIONS IN TENNIS THIS YEAR. AS YOU AND



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1 MANY OF YOU HAVE READ, SOME GREAT STORIES ABOUT THEIR HIGH  
2 SCHOOL AND NOTABLY THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT THEY HAVE  
3 SOME GREAT ATHLETES OUT THERE AS WELL, AND HARD WORK AND  
4 DEDICATION HAS DEFINITELY PAID OFF FOR THE STUDENTS THERE AT  
5 WHITNEY. THIS TENNIS TEAM AND MEN'S VARSITY TENNIS TEAM WON  
6 THE STATE-WIDE DIVISION 5 C.I.F. CHAMPIONSHIP, IT WAS THE  
7 SCHOOL'S FIRST C.I.F. CHAMPIONSHIP IN ANY SPORT SINCE 1986.  
8 THE TEAM WON ALL NINE SETS IN THE DOUBLES AND SENIOR, TIM LEE,  
9 WON TWO VITAL POINTS IN THE SINGLES TO PUT THE TEAM IN THE  
10 LEAD. LED BY THEIR COACH, WES WILLIAMS, THE WILDCATS WORKED  
11 TOGETHER, PLAYED HARD, AND BROUGHT HOME THE CHAMPIONSHIP, SO  
12 I'M ALSO PLEASED TO SAY THAT THEIR HOME COURT IS OUR LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY CERRITOS PARK IS CONSIDERED THEIR HOME COURT  
14 FOR PRACTICE AND GAMES. SO THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND  
15 MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD AND ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT  
16 COUNTY, WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF  
17 WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL'S STATE TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP, AND WE  
18 PRESENTED INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES TO THEM UPSTAIRS EARLIER, SO  
19 I'M GOING TO ASK COACH WILLIAMS TO COME ON UP, BRING THE TEAM  
20 IN CLOSE. I'M GOING TO ASK THE COACH TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS,  
21 AND LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [ APPLAUSE ] [  
22 MIXED VOICES ]  
23  
24 **COACH WILLIAMS:** ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT  
25 WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL, WE EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE PEOPLE



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1 OF THE COUNTY, TO SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND IF I COULD ECHO WHAT  
2 HE SAID, WE DO WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT THESE ARE NOT JUST  
3 OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS, THEY ARE OUTSTANDING CITIZENS AND  
4 OUTSTANDING ATHLETES, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR,  
5 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO ASK JUDY JANKOWSKI AND WHITEY  
8 LITTLEFIELD FROM KKJZ RADIO TO COME FORWARD. IT'S MY GREAT  
9 PLEASURE TODAY TO BRING JUDY AND WHITEY HERE. WE'RE  
10 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE BLUES AND THE 24TH ANNUAL LONG  
11 BEACH BLUES FESTIVAL THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND. THE UNITED STATES  
12 HOUSE AND SENATE RECENTLY PASSED A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING,  
13 BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 1ST OF THIS YEAR, AS THE YEAR OF THE  
14 BLUES, AND THIS YEAR IS CONSIDERED A MILESTONE FOR DISTINCTLY  
15 AMERICAN MUSICAL GENRE, AS IT IS THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF  
16 W.C. HANDEY'S FIRST BLUES COMPOSITIONS. KKJZ RADIO, 88.1 ON  
17 YOUR DIAL, DO YOU REMEMBER I THINK IT WAS KLM PRIOR TO BEING  
18 KKJZ, THEY BROADCAST FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN LONG BEACH,  
19 AND IT'S ONE OF THE FEW RADIO STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY WHOSE  
20 PROGRAMMING FORMAT IS FOCUSED ON THE BLUES AS WELL AS JAZZ.  
21 EACH YEAR, THE STATION HOSTS THE LONG BEACH BLUES FESTIVAL.  
22 IT'S A WORLD CLASS EVENT, I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO ATTEND  
23 ONCE, AND ATTRACTING THE FINEST BLUES PERFORMERS. THIS YEAR  
24 THEY'VE GOT BILLY PRESTON, KEV MO, THE NEVILLE BROTHERS, JOE  
25 COCKER AND AL GREEN. AS A PUBLIC RADIO STATION, KKJZ IS ALMOST



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1 WHOLLY DEPENDENT ON LISTENER DONATIONS AND THE FESTIVAL'S A  
2 CRUCIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE STATION. YOU CAN LISTEN TO  
3 THE STATION ON 88.1 OR YOU CAN GO TO A COMPUTER AT "JAZZ AND  
4 BLUES.ORG." SO WE WANT TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE BLUES AS  
5 WELL AS COMMEND KKJZ NOT ONLY FOR WHAT THEY DO IN CELEBRATION  
6 OF THE JAZZ FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND AND BLUES FESTIVAL, BUT WHAT  
7 THEY DO EACH AND EVERY DAY. THEY HAVE AN INCREDIBLE OUTREACH  
8 PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AND THEY  
9 DO A GREAT JOB IN THE COMMUNITY, IT'S A GREAT STATION. I'M  
10 SUPPOSED TO SAY THIS 12 TIMES, WHITEY SAID, 88.1 ON YOUR DIAL.  
11 BUT ANYWAY, IF YOU CAN'T LISTEN, WE'LL SEE YOU THERE THIS  
12 WEEKEND. SO WHITEY AND JUDY HERE WE GO.

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14 **JUDY JANKOWSKI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **JUDY JANKOWSKI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND WE  
19 ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL.  
20 WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO BE A PUBLIC RADIO STATION, AND AS YOU  
21 KNOW, WE DO SERVE NOT ONLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BUT WE SERVE  
22 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY ALSO. ON THE INTERNET, WE SERVE THE  
23 WORLD. YOU MAY NOT KNOW THIS BUT WE'RE THE MOST LISTENED-TO  
24 JAZZ STATION IN THE WORLD, AND WE'RE RIGHT IN YOUR  
25 NEIGHBORHOOD. WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE CONTINUED



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1 SUPPORT. JAZZ AND BLUES IS AN AMERICAN ART FORM THAT WE'RE  
2 VERY COMMITTED TO, AND WITH FUNDING CUTS IN THE ARTS, WE'VE  
3 HAD TO GO TO INDIVIDUALS TO CONTINUE OUR EXISTENCE. WE'RE VERY  
4 PLEASED AND PROUD TO DO THIS, AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE FOR  
5 MANY, MANY YEARS. THANK YOU. IF YOU WANT A TICKET TO THE BLUES  
6 FESTIVAL, THERE'S SEVERAL LEFT AT 562-985-5566. I'LL SEE YOU  
7 AT THE FESTIVAL. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** 88.1 ON YOUR DIAL. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT A  
10 SCROLL TO MICHAEL HANELINE, AND HE'S A FOURTH DISTRICT  
11 RECIPIENT ON THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR DISABILITIES BILL  
12 TANTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. AND HE'S NOT, UNFORTUNATELY HE'S  
13 NOT HERE WITH US, BUT HE'S REGISTERED FOR CLASSES AT L.M.U.,  
14 AND BUT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP HIS PARENTS, CAROL SIMPSON AND RON  
15 HANELINE. [ MIXED VOICES ]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S A SAD JOB, MICHAEL IS REGISTERING FOR CLASSES  
18 TODAY. MICHAEL IS A RECENT GRADUATE OF PALOS VERDES PENINSULA  
19 HIGH SCHOOL. MICHAEL ASPIRES TO A CAREER IN THE COMPUTER  
20 INDUSTRY AND IS DESCRIBED BY HIS TEACHERS AS A VERY SPECIAL  
21 YOUNG MAN WHO IS DISCIPLINED AND DEDICATED. HE HAS A PASSION  
22 FOR LEARNING AND IS DETERMINED TO OVERCOME HIS DISABILITY AND  
23 SUCCEED IN WHATEVER LIFE HOLDS FOR HIM. WHILE WORKING PART-  
24 TIME AND GOING TO SCHOOL FULL-TIME, MICHAEL STILL MANAGED TO  
25 BE ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH AS AN ALTAR SERVER AND USHER, HE ALSO



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1 INSTRUCTS YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE YOUNG ALERT AND AWARE MARTIAL  
2 ARTS COMMUNITY PROGRAM. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY  
3 COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE WISH MICHAEL WAS HERE TO JOIN US,  
4 BUT WE'VE GOT MOM AND DAD AND WE WANT TO SAY A HEARTFELT  
5 THANKS AND GIVE HIM OUR BEST AND THIS SCROLL AND JUST SAY  
6 THANK YOU AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO INVITE SUPERVISOR BURKE TO JOIN  
9 ME FOR THIS NEXT PRESENTATION, AND I'D LIKE TO CALL UP FIRE  
10 CHIEF SMITH AND CAPTAIN THOMPSON OF THE COMPTON FIRE  
11 DEPARTMENT TO BE UP HERE WITH US. AS YOU KNOW, OVER A YEAR  
12 AGO, THIS BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
13 SAFE SURRENDER TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS ON JUNE 4TH OF LAST  
14 YEAR. THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 15 NEWBORNS THAT HAVE SAFELY  
15 SURRENDERED HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE LATEST WAS A SIX  
16 POUND SIX OUNCE BABY GIRL, SAFELY SURRENDERED IN POMONA. I'M  
17 EXTREMELY PLEASED, AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR BURKE IS AS WELL,  
18 EVERYTHING THAT'S GONE INTO THIS PROGRAM AND THE SUPPORT THAT  
19 WE'VE RECEIVED NOT ONLY FROM OUR COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT BUT  
20 ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
21 RECENTLY THE CITY OF COMPTON IS NOW AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE  
22 SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM, AND SO WE HAVE BOTH REPRESENTATIVES  
23 HERE TODAY, WE WANT TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR AND WELCOME  
24 ABOARD AND I'M GOING TO ASK SUPERVISOR BURKE TO SAY A COUPLE  
25 WORDS.



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2   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS PROGRAM IS SO IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WE  
3   KNOW THAT SO OFTEN, TEENAGERS HAVE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS  
4   ARE NOT INVOLVED IN TERMS OF THEIR CARE, BUT THE IMPORTANT  
5   THING IS THAT THEY NOT JUST LEAVE THOSE CHILDREN IN TRASH CANS  
6   OR TRY TO JUST GET RID OF THEM. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT  
7   THEY CAN BRING THOSE CHILDREN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND WE  
8   WANT TO THANK COMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SAYING THEY WILL BE  
9   ONE OF THOSE CENTERS THAT IF ANY MOTHER HAS A CHILD THAT THEY  
10   WANT TO BRING IN FOR SAFEKEEPING, THERE ARE NO PENALTIES IF  
11   THEY BRING THE CHILD INTO THAT FIRE DEPARTMENT. OF COURSE  
12   THERE ARE PENALTIES IF THEY DO SOMETHING ELSE, IF THEY LEAVE  
13   THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE, BUT HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SAFE  
14   SURRENDER. AND WE WANT TO THANK COMPTON FOR BEING A PART OF  
15   IT.

16

17   **FIRE CHIEF SMITH:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR  
18   KNABE FOR HAVING SUCH A WARM RECEPTION FOR US, AND I JUST WANT  
19   TO SAY THAT THE COMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE  
20   COMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF COMPTON, WE ARE  
21   DEDICATED AND COMMITTED TO HAVING A SUCCESSFUL SAFE SURRENDER  
22   PROGRAM. [ APPLAUSE ]

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24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. FIFTH DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR  
25   ANTONOVICH?



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2   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL AND  
3 AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS DONE A LOT SINCE 1994 TO CURB THE  
4 DRUNK DRIVERS ON OUR HIGHWAYS, AND TODAY, WE HAVE WITH US NICK  
5 YAYA, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER  
6 OF THE DESIGNATED DRIVERS ASSOCIATION. THIS WAS FOUNDED BACK  
7 IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, IN 1994, AND THEY NOW HAVE SIX REGIONAL  
8 CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA. AND MOST RECENTLY, THE LOS ANGELES  
9 CHAPTER OPENED IN JULY OF THIS YEAR. EACH CHAPTER RECEIVES  
10 ABOUT 25 CALLS NIGHTLY AND THEY SPEND ON THEIR BUDGET  
11 APPROXIMATELY A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY, AS THE  
12 MONEY PAYS FOR THE POSTERS, THE BUSINESS CARDS, AND THE  
13 SALARIES FOR STAFF MEMBERS, THE RENTAL SPACE, AND THE  
14 INSURANCE. MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS ALSO COME FROM LOCAL BARS AND  
15 RESTAURANTS WHICH RANGE FROM 100 AND \$400, BASED ON THE SIZE,  
16 WHICH MAKE UP ABOUT 60% OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BUDGET. IT ALSO  
17 RECEIVES GRANTS FROM OUR CAR DEALERS, NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL  
18 COUNCILS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, AND LIQUOR DISTRIBUTORS. SO AT  
19 THIS TIME NICK LET US GIVE A PROCLAMATION AND WISH YOU  
20 CONTINUED SUCCESS IN GETTING DRUNK DRIVERS OFF OUR HIGHWAYS. [  
21 APPLAUSE ]

22

23   **NICK YAYA:** I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
24 FOR RECOGNIZING US, AND ON BEHALF OF THE D.D.A., DESIGNATED  
25 DRIVERS ASSOCIATION, I'M HONORED TO ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATE OF



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1 RECOGNITION FROM THE COUNTY. TO DATE, HERE IN CALIFORNIA, THE  
2 D.D.A. HAS SAFELY DRIVEN HOME OVER 7,000 VEHICLES AND 16,000  
3 PEOPLE, IN JUST OVER 2-1/2 YEARS. IN SOME CASES, REDUCING  
4 D.U.I.-RELATED DEATH AS MUCH AS 22%. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE SAME  
5 IMPACT HERE IN LOS ANGELES AS LOS ANGELES DOES LEAD THE STATE  
6 IN D.U.I.-RELATED DEATHS AND ACCIDENTS. OUR PROGRAM IS  
7 RELATIVELY NEW HERE, AND AS SUCH, HAS A GREAT DEAL OF WORK  
8 AHEAD OF IT. THAT IS WHY TODAY WE CALL UPON ALL OF THE  
9 CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT CITY TO JOIN US IN OUR NOBLE CAUSE TO  
10 HELP SAVE A LIFE OF SOMEONE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY CAN DO  
11 THIS BY THEIR GETTING INVOLVED AS VOLUNTEERS, OR ENCOURAGING  
12 THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO NOT DRIVE AFTER DRINKING. AGAIN,  
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP STEVE JENSEN  
16 FROM THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES WHO IS HERE TO  
17 REPRESENT JESSE BLACK FROM THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
18 WHO WAS SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE BILL TAINTER MEMORIAL  
19 SCHOLARSHIP, WHICH IS A 2,000-DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP TOWARD HIS  
20 COLLEGE EDUCATION. JESSE IS A RECENT GRADUATE OF LITTLE ROCK  
21 HIGH SCHOOL AND HE MAINTAINED A 4.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND  
22 WAS PLACED ON THE HONOR ROLL DESPITE BEING DIAGNOSED WITH A  
23 LEARNING DISABILITY. HE IS DESCRIBED BY HIS TEACHERS AS  
24 FOCUSED AND GOAL ORIENTED IN HIS PURSUIT OF A COLLEGE  
25 EDUCATION, LED BY EXAMPLES AS HE IS A ROLE MODEL AND MENTOR TO



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1 THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AND TO THE CHILDREN IN HIS  
2 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION  
3 ON DISABILITIES ESTABLISHED THIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO OFFER  
4 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES A FINANCIAL  
5 OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME INDEPENDENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENT THROUGH  
6 HIGHER EDUCATION. SO WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION TO  
7 YOU ON BEHALF OF JESSE AND WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS. AND  
8 THAT'S OUR LITTLE CHECK, ACTUALLY, YOU COULD CASH THAT. [  
9 MIXED VOICES ]

10

11 **STEVE JENSEN:** WELL I KNOW JESSE WILL BE THRILLED TO GET THIS,  
12 BOTH THE PLAQUE AND THE CHECK, AND HE'S STUDYING TO BE AN  
13 ELECTRICIAN SO IF YOU PLAN ON REWIRING THE BOARD ROOM WITHIN  
14 THE NEXT TWO YEARS, YOU KNOW, CALL ON HIM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY WILL DO. THANK YOU. AND NOW WE HAVE A  
17 LITTLE 12-MONTH-OLD GIRL, A LITTLE GIRL NAMED DOLLY, AND SHE  
18 IS A DACHSIE MIX, AND THIS, AGAIN, IS BIG ON THE MIX. SO THIS  
19 IS DOLLY, WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO  
20 ADOPT HER, YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF  
21 YOUR TELEVISION SCREEN, WHICH IS (562) 728-4644 FOR LITTLE  
22 DOLLY OKAY. DON'T YOU THINK DOLLY IS A LITTLE OLDER THAN 12  
23 MONTHS? SHE HAS HER BABY TEETH? OKAY. SHE'S ABOUT THREE TO  
24 FOUR MONTHS OLD. SEE ANYBODY HUH? SEE ANYBODY? [ MIXED VOICES  
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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FROM EACH DISTRICT FORWARD. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES HAS ESTABLISHED THE BILL TANTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM OFFERS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES A FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION. THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS NAMED AFTER BILL TANTER, A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER AND LONG-TIME ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THERE IS A SCHOLARSHIP WINNER FOR EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. EACH WILL RECEIVE A 2,000-DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP. I'D LIKE TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA AT THIS TIME.

15

**SUP. MOLINA:** I'M GOING TO BE JOINED THIS MORNING, AS I UNDERSTAND, BY WENDY WELT? OKAY. WE HAVE A STEP HERE BUT IT WILL BE-- WENDY IS NOT THE RECIPIENT OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP, BUT SHE HAS JOINED ME AND SHE IS GOING TO BE RECEIVING IT ON BEHALF OF KIMBERLY ROMERO. KIMBERLY IS ONE OF THE STUDENTS WHO WILL BE RECEIVING THE 2,000-DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP THAT WE'RE VERY PROUD TO PRESENT HERE TODAY. SHE IS A GRADUATE OF ARROYO HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE SHE HAS BEEN SELECTED AS ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN HER SENIOR CLASS. KIMBERLY WORKED HARD TO OVERCOME HER LEARNING DISABILITY AND MAINTAINED A HIGHER



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1 GRADE POINT AVERAGE, WHICH ENABLED HER TO PROGRESS FROM THE  
2 SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES TO THE STANDARD CURRICULUM OF  
3 CLASSES. SHE FEELS SHE WAS ESPECIALLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE VERY  
4 EXCELLENT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS WHO MENTORED HER AND  
5 ENCOURAGED HER TO EXCEL AND PLANS TO GIVE BACK TO HER  
6 COMMUNITY BY BECOMING A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER HERSELF.  
7 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT KIMBERLY HAS DONE. I'M  
8 PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
9 DISABILITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.  
10 I THINK THIS IS VERY BENEFICIAL, NOT ONLY TO THE STUDENTS THAT  
11 RECEIVE IT, BUT THE KIND OF RECOGNITION THAT YOU GIVEN IN  
12 SELECTING THEM, SO WE CONGRATULATE THE COMMISSION AND WE  
13 PARTICULARLY THANK-- CONGRATULATE KIMBERLY ROMERO FOR HER  
14 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT. SO, WENDY TO YOU? [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO  
17 THE SECOND DISTRICT WINNER, RODOLFO LEYVA. HE IS A RECENT  
18 GRADUATE OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND RESIDES IN THE  
19 SECOND DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN LEGALLY BLIND SINCE  
20 BIRTH, HE DOESN'T VIEW THAT AS A DISABILITY. WITH A BACKGROUND  
21 IN LIBERAL ARTS, HE PLANS TO ATTEND COLLEGE TO PURSUE A LAW  
22 DEGREE AND TO GO ON TO PRACTICE LAW. HE'S A VORACIOUS READER  
23 AND A SKILLED AND EAGER DEBATER, WITH A BROAD RANGE OF  
24 SCHOLARLY AND TOPICAL INTERESTS AND A PASSION FOR LEARNING, SO  
25 HIS CHOICE OF CAREER SEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE, AND I SEE WE ARE



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1 JOINED HERE BY MR. TRUCE, WHO IS ALSO OUR APPOINTEE, AND HIS  
2 DAD WAS A VERY WELL-KNOWN JUDGE THAT WE ALL WORKED WITH, AND  
3 HE-- RODOLFO IS WELL-LIKED BY HIS FELLOW STUDENTS, RESPECTED  
4 BY HIS TEACHERS, WHO HAVE DESCRIBED HIM AS AN AMBITIOUS AND  
5 SELF-MOTIVATED WITH A COMMITMENT TO REACHING HIS GOALS. HE  
6 BELIEVES YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO SUCCEED AND PERHAPS TO  
7 EXCEL, AND HE PLANS TO DO THAT, WHICH IS HIS GOAL IN LIFE, AND  
8 HE INTENDS TO DO THAT WITH INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY.  
9 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO SAY A WORD,  
10 JUST THEN WE'LL TAKE THE PICTURE FIRST.

11

12 **RODOLFO LEYVA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WAS ACTUALLY EXPECTING A  
13 BIGGER CHECK, LIKE THE ONES YOU GET IN GOLF. [ LAUGHTER ]

14

15 **RODOLFO LEYVA:** BUT I'LL TAKE THIS ONE. I KNOW A LIQUOR STORE I  
16 CAN CASH IT IN. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ] [ MIXED VOICES ]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAY I ASK, IS JOAN GUILLEN HERE? I GUESS  
21 NOT. BUT WE ARE GOING TO PRESENT TO JOAN GUILLEN A CHECK FOR  
22 \$2,000. IT'S A SCHOLARSHIP. JOAN RECENTLY, JOANN, I'M SORRY,  
23 JOANN GUILLEN, RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM LAQUINTA HIGH SCHOOL,  
24 SHE HAS REFUSED TO LET HER LEARNING DISABILITY STAND IN THE  
25 WAY OF HER GOALS. SHE IS VERY ACTIVE IN HER COMMUNITY AND HAS



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1 BEEN A STUDENT TUTOR, A YOUTH COUNSELOR FOR A DRUG-FREE  
2 HOTLINE, AND SHE HAS LOGGED HUNDREDS OF HOURS INTERNING AT A  
3 LOCAL HOSPITAL. JOANN IS A VERY COMPASSIONATE YOUNG WOMEN WHO  
4 IS COMMITTED TO HELPING OTHERS AND PLANS TO PURSUE A CAREER IN  
5 NURSING. THERE YOU ARE, WE WERE GOING TO GIVE YOUR CHECK AWAY.

6 [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE WANT TO THANK  
9 YOU FOR SETTING THE EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US AND WISH YOU THE  
10 BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR CAREER PATH. OKAY THERE'S YOUR CHECK.

11 DON'T SPEND IT ALL IN ONE PLACE, AND HERE'S THE RESOLUTION. [   
12 APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH YOU'RE NEXT. OH NO  
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S NEXT. SUPERVISOR KNABE? DISABILITY  
16 SCHOLARSHIP. NO, JUST RIGHT NOW FOR YOU. RIGHT HERE. OH, YOU  
17 DID YOURS ALREADY. HAS-- ANTONOVICH, HAVE YOU DONE YOURS?  
18 YOU'VE DONE YOURS ALREADY. YOUR DISABILITY SCHOLARSHIP? OKAY.

19 [ MIXED VOICES ]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, YOUR FIRST ANXIOUS PARENTS, OKAY. ALL  
22 RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO DO JUST ONE GROUP SHOT. IS THAT WHAT  
23 YOU'RE WANTING TO DO? OH, OKAY. I THOUGHT WE WERE WAITING OVER  
24 THERE TO DO A GROUP SHOT. I THINK THEY WANT TO DO A GROUP  
25 SHOT. [ MIXED VOICES ]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DANNY BAKEWELL.  
3 THIS MONTH, AUGUST 2003, THE COUNTY IS LAUNCHING ITS 25TH  
4 CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN. BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE IS A UNIQUE  
5 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES MORE THAN A  
6 THOUSAND MULTI-CULTURAL PROGRAMS ADDRESSING HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
7 SOCIAL WELFARE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES FOR INNER CITY  
8 YOUTH AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE IS  
9 CELEBRATING ITS 25TH YEAR AS A COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
10 CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN PARTNER. OVER THE YEARS, COUNTY  
11 EMPLOYEES HAVE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE'S  
12 PROGRAMS BY DONATING \$11 MILLION TO HELP INNER CITY YOUTH AND  
13 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES GAIN OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-HELP AND  
14 EMPOWERMENT. TODAY I'M PLEASED TO CONGRATULATE THE  
15 BROTHERHOOD'S CRUSADE, ITS PRESIDENT, DANNY BAKEWELL SENIOR,  
16 AND BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR  
17 COMMITMENT AND TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE OF THIS  
18 COMMUNITY. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND HE'S JOINED BY HIS INTERN, JAMIE  
21 BROOKS. THANK YOU YEAH.

22

23 **DANNY BAKEWELL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE. IT'S  
24 TRULY AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO BE DISTINGUISHED AND  
25 RECOGNIZED FOR THE WORK THAT THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE DOES. I



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1 WOULD LIKE TO CALL OUT YOUR NAME, SUPERVISOR BURKE, WHO HAS  
2 DONE SUCH A TREMENDOUS JOB IN PROVIDING US WITH LEADERSHIP AND  
3 SUPPORT IN THE ENDEAVORS THAT THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE  
4 UNDERTAKES. BUT I'D ALSO AT THIS TIME BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T  
5 CALL OUT THE NAME OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
6 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M TRYING TO  
7 GET ALL THESE NAMES STRAIGHT. YOU'VE ALL BEEN FRIENDS OF THE  
8 BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE OVER THE YEARS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU  
9 HAVE BEEN FRIENDS TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T REALLY KNOW  
10 YOUR NAME, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF YOU AND BECAUSE OF YOUR  
11 LEADERSHIP THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO SO MUCH IN TERMS OF  
12 ENHANCING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LESS FORTUNATE  
13 THAN MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM. IT HAS TRULY BEEN A CHALLENGE,  
14 BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT HAS BEEN SO VERY, VERY REWARDING. I'D  
15 LIKE TO THANK DAVID JANSSEN AND, OF COURSE, ESPECIALLY, EVELYN  
16 GUTIERREZ, WHO HAS JUST DONE A YEOMAN'S JOB IN MAKING SURE  
17 THAT THIS CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ENHANCED EVERY YEAR. WE ASK YOU TO  
18 CONTINUE TO GIVE TO THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE, BECAUSE IT REALLY  
19 DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE KENNY HAHN, WHO  
20 IS NOT HERE, AND PETE CHAVARO, TWO MEN WHO ARE ON COMPLETELY  
21 OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM, BUT BECAUSE OF THE POTENCY,  
22 BECAUSE OF THE VALUE OF THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE, THEY WERE  
23 ABLE TO COME TOGETHER AND FIND LIGHT IN ORDER TO HELP OTHER  
24 PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVES, SO FROM ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE HELP  
25 ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR



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1 GIVING EMPLOYEES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES,  
2 BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY WHAT THE BROTHERHOOD IS ABOUT, IT'S  
3 ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES, AND WE THANK YOU VERY  
4 MUCH FOR THIS HONOR THIS MORNING.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR ALL THESE YEARS. THANK YOU.  
7 CAN WE GET A GROUP PICTURE? [ APPLAUSE ] [ MIXED VOICES ]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE HONORABLE DANIEL OKI  
10 FORWARD. ALL RIGHT. JUDGE OKI HAS A HISTORY OF DISTINGUISHED  
11 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. APPOINTED  
12 TO THE CITRUS MUNICIPAL COURT IN 1992 AND SERVED AS THE CHAIR  
13 OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL COURTS PRESIDING JUDGE'S  
14 ASSOCIATION IN 1997. THAT SAME YEAR, HE WAS ELEVATED BY  
15 GOVERNOR PETE WILSON TO THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT. HE  
16 SERVED AS SUPERVISING JUDGE IN THE EAST DISTRICT FROM '98 TO  
17 JULY 2001. HE SERVED AS THE SUPERVISING JUDGE OF CRIMINAL  
18 DIVISION AT LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT FROM JULY 2001 TO JULY  
19 2003. HE SET COUNTY-WIDE POLICY FOR THE COURT ON A VARIETY OF  
20 ISSUES THAT AFFECTED THE OPERATION OF ALL CRIMINAL COURTS AND  
21 JUDICIAL OFFICERS, HEARING CRIMINAL MATTERS IN THE COUNTY. HE  
22 ESTABLISHED A CASE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CASE  
23 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. THE RESULT WAS A PROGRAM THAT REDUCED  
24 BACKLOG AND PROMOTED AN EFFECTIVE EARLY DISPOSITION COURT IN  
25 WHICH MORE THAN 400 FELONY PLEAS ARE PROCESSED EVERY MONTH.



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1 JUDGE OKI HAS DEDICATED HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER TO IMPROVING  
2 THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED HIS EXPERTISE AND  
3 EXPERIENCE TO NUMEROUS COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT THE JUSTICE  
4 SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT EXECUTIVE  
5 COMMITTEE AND THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT PERSONNEL AND  
6 BUDGET COMMITTEE. I'M PLEASED TO HONOR JUDGE DANIEL OKI FOR  
7 HIS LONG AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO JUSTICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF  
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **JUDGE DANIEL OKI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SUPERVISOR BURKE AND MY  
11 THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S TRULY BEEN THE  
12 HIGHLIGHT OF MY LEGAL CAREER TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE THE  
13 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A JUDGE FOR MORE THAN 11  
14 YEARS NOW, AND IT'S BEEN A HIGHLIGHT OF MY JUDICIAL CAREER TO  
15 BE ASKED TO SUPERVISE THE LARGEST CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEM IN THE  
16 UNITED STATES FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. WE MADE A LOT OF  
17 POSITIVE CHANGES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS DESPITE SOME VERY  
18 DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES, AS THE BOARD IS WELL AWARE OF.  
19 HOWEVER, I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE COULD NOT HAVE MADE THE  
20 PROGRESS WE DID WITHOUT OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH MANY  
21 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE OFFICES OF DISTRICT  
22 ATTORNEY, STEVE COOLEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER, MICHAEL JUDGE,  
23 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, JANICE FUKI, SHERIFF BACA, AND  
24 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER RICHARD SHUMSKY. WE COULD NOT HAVE  
25 MADE THE STRIDES WE HAVE WITHOUT THE COOPERATION AND



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1 ASSISTANCE OF ALL THE AGENCIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [

2 APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THAT CONCLUDES MY  
5 PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR-- LET'S SEE. IS THAT SUPERVISOR  
6 YAROSLAVSKY. EVERYBODY ELSE HAS DONE ALL THEIRS.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK JAMES ADLER,  
9 JIM ADLER TO COME FORWARD, AND-- FORWARD UPFRONT AND CENTER.  
10 IT'S AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO TAKE A MOMENT TO HONOR JIM, WHO'S  
11 BEEN A MEMBER OF OUR PUBLIC-- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE--  
12 SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION, D.P.S.S. COMMISSION FOR QUITE A  
13 LONG TIME, TO BE PRECISE, SINCE MAY OF 1977. JIMMY CARTER WAS  
14 IN HIS FIRST SIX MONTHS AS PRESIDENT, LEONID BRESHNEV WAS  
15 STILL PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THERE STILL WAS A  
16 SOVIET UNION. JIM HAS EXHIBITED EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP AND  
17 COMMITMENT TO WELFARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE ISSUES BY SERVING ON  
18 THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES SINCE MAY OF '77  
19 AND AS VICE CHAIR FROM 1986 TO 1992, AND AS THE CHAIR FROM  
20 1992 TO JUNE OF THIS YEAR, 11 YEARS AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS  
21 IMPORTANT COMMISSION. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE  
22 COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF CALWORKS BY HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS  
23 ON WELFARE REFORM, PARTICIPATING COUNTY-WIDE SUMMITS,  
24 PROVIDING REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND



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1 PARTICIPATING IN PLANNING WORK GROUPS. AND ONE OF THOSE  
2 REPORTS, I THINK, IS ON ITS WAY HERE NOW, WHICH I THINK IS AN  
3 IMPORTANT REPORT. HE HAS DEMONSTRATED TIRELESS ENERGY AS WELL  
4 AS THE KNOWLEDGE AND DEDICATION TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEMS THAT  
5 ASSIST THE COUNTY'S POOR AND DISABLED BY SERVING ON THE  
6 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE COUNCIL SINCE ITS CREATION IN  
7 1998, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE WELFARE  
8 REFORM NETWORK AND THE JOINT DIALOG TASK FORCE. ON TOP OF ALL  
9 THAT, I BELIEVE HE SETS ASIDE A FEW HOURS OF THE DAY TO-- OR  
10 OF THE WEEK TO EARN A LIVING. BUT WE WANTED TO RESOLVE WITH  
11 THIS RESOLUTION, JIM, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HONOR YOU, HIGHLY COMMEND YOU FOR ALL  
13 YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DEDICATED SERVICE AND THAT YOU BE  
14 EXTENDED OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES AND GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE  
15 WORK YOU HAVE DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO. JIM'S WIFE, SARAH,  
16 IS IN THE AUDIENCE. WHERE IS SARAH? THERE SHE IS. AND HIS SON  
17 IS HERE, MIKE, THERE YOU ARE. AND WHEN I BECAME A SUPERVISOR A  
18 WHILE AGO, THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE THAT MY PREDECESSOR, ED  
19 EDELMAN HAD SELECTED AND WHO JUST DIDN'T MERIT REPLACEMENT,  
20 AND JIM WAS ONE OF THEM, AND WE ARE VERY, VERY FORTUNATE, JIM,  
21 THAT YOU HAVE CONSENTED TO GIVE YOUR TIME AND OF YOUR ENERGY  
22 AND YOUR INTELLECT TO HELP CHANNEL THE WHOLE WELFARE ISSUE IN  
23 A TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGE IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS ON  
24 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF  
25 THAT COMMISSION FOR 11 YEARS AT THAT CRITICAL TIME WAS BEYOND



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1 THE CALL. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU AND THIS IS ABOUT ALL WE'RE  
2 GOING TO GIVE YOU IS A RESOLUTION, BUT AND OUR GRATITUDE.  
3 THANK YOU JIM. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO SAY A WORD BRYCE? OKAY,  
6 BEFORE WE TURN IT OVER TO JIM, WE'LL ASK BRYCE YOKOMIZO TO SAY  
7 A WORD.

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9 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL  
10 SERVICES, WE'D LIKE TO JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IN  
11 JUST THANKING JIM FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK HE'S PROVIDED. HE'S  
12 GIVEN US OVER 25 YEARS OF COUNCIL THAT WE VERY MUCH  
13 APPRECIATE, SO JIM, THANKS SO MUCH.

14

15 **JIM ADLER:** THANK YOU, ZEV, AND THANK YOU, BRYCE. IT'S BEEN AN  
16 HONOR TO SERVE THE COUNTY AND TO SERVE WITH SO MANY GREAT MEN  
17 AND WOMEN AT D.P.S.S., WITH ZEV AND HIS STAFF, WITH ED BEFORE  
18 HIM, AND ALSO I WANT TO THANK THE ADVOCATES, THE DEPARTMENT  
19 EMPLOYEES, THE EXPERTS, WELFARE RECIPIENTS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE  
20 COME BEFORE OUR COMMISSION AND WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO  
21 SIGNIFICANTLY TO ITS WORK. I ACTUALLY THINK-- MAYBE I'M AN  
22 OPTIMIST BY NATURE, BUT THAT WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO GET THE  
23 WELFARE REFORM PROGRAM RIGHT AND TO-- WE'RE UNDER BRYCE'S  
24 LEADERSHIP, WE'RE DEVELOPING SOME OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS IN THE



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1 DEPARTMENT TO TRULY END WELFARE AS WE KNOW IT AND ASSIST  
2 WELFARE RECIPIENTS IN MOVING TO WORK. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOES THAT CONCLUDE OUR PRESENTATIONS? THEN  
5 WE'LL START WITH THE SPECIALS FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. OR  
6 SHOULD WE DO THE-- DO WE DO THE-- DO WE HAVE TO DO THE  
7 HEARINGS FIRST? OKAY.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD ASK ALL OF THOSE  
10 WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS TO  
11 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND BE SWORN IN. [  
12 ADMINISTERING OATH ]

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SO WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 6. WE HAVE THE  
17 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
18 COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D, HEARING TO CONSIDER THE REDEVELOPMENT  
19 PLAN AND CORRESPONDING FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR  
20 MARAVIA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. AND WE HAVE NO  
21 WRITTEN PROTESTS FOR THIS ITEM MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COUNTY COUNSEL?

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1   **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIR THIS IS MERELY TO HEAR TESTIMONY  
2   FROM ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO CARES TO.

3

4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD ON  
5   THIS MATTER? IF HEARING NONE THEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES THAT  
6   THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND IT'S SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
7   ANTONOVICH AND THAT THE PLAN BE APPROVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
8   SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 2-D, HEARING TO CONSIDER THE  
11   REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND CORRESPONDING FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION  
12   PLAN FOR RANCHO DOMINGUEZ COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA  
13   TWO.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD ON  
16   THIS MATTER? IF NOT, I MOVE THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND  
17   THAT THE PLAN BE APPROVED. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
18   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEM NUMBER 1 HAS BEEN  
21   CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2003. ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON  
22   PROPOSED BILLING RATE ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND  
23   FEDERAL PROGRAM BILLING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24   HEALTH SERVICES, AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
2   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 3, HEARING ON ADOPTION OF THE  
5   2003 LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT AND RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LOS  
6   ANGELES COUNTY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION  
7   MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. ON THIS ITEM, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR  
8   MOLINA VOTES "NO," AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM  
9   CHAIR.

10

11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
12   SECONDED BY KNABE ON A VOTE OF 4-TO-1, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
13   VOTING "NO." THE REPORT IS APPROVED AND THE CONGESTION  
14   MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IS APPROVED.

15

16   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 4, HEARING TO CONSIDER  
17   PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS AND APPLICATION FOR 2003 LOCAL LAW  
18   ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT, EIGHT PROGRAM FUNDS, FOR THE PURPOSE  
19   OF ASSISTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN REDUCING CRIME AND IMPROVING  
20   SAFETY. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
23   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 5 IS CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER  
2 23RD, 2003. ITEM NUMBER 6, HEARING TO CONDITIONALLY VACATE A  
3 PORTION OF THE ALLEY NORTH OF WHITTIER BOULEVARD  
4 UNINCORPORATED, EAST LOS ANGELES AREA, AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
5 PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE STAFF?

8

9 **CAROLITO CRISTOBAL:** MY NAME IS CAROLITO CRISTOBAL, I AM A  
10 CADASTRAL ENGINEER TWO FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
11 I'VE INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE COUNTY EASEMENT  
12 INTEREST IN A PORTION OF THE ALLEY NORTH OF WHITTIER BOULEVARD  
13 BETWEEN EASTERN AVENUE AND GAGE AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
14 EAST LOS ANGELES. THE VACATION WAS PROPOSED BY THE LOS ANGELES  
15 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. IN MY OPINION, THE INVOLVED EASEMENT  
16 INTERESTS ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT OR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC  
17 USE. WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT THE VACATION BE CONDITIONED UPON  
18 THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST SUBMIT A  
19 SITE PLAN AND PROCEDURE FOR A STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP  
20 AREA THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
21 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST DEDICATE AND CONSTRUCT AN ALTERNATE  
22 ALLEY 26 FEET WIDE FROM THIS EXISTING NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY TO  
23 GAUGE AVENUE. CAR RETURNS AT THE CORNER OF INTERSECTION OF  
24 WHITTIER BOULEVARD AND EASTMAN AVENUE AND GAUGE AVENUE, MUST  
25 BE DEDICATED AND CONSTRUCTED TO COUNTY STANDARDS. AND A



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1 LOCATED EASEMENT FOR SEWER OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY  
2 MUST BE DEDICATED TO THE COUNTY AND THE RELOCATED FACILITY  
3 CONSTRUCTED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY  
4 PRIOR TO THE VACATION BECOMING FINAL. WE ARE AWARE OF NO  
5 RECENT PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED VACATION.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES THAT THE HEARING BE  
8 CLOSED AND THAT THE VACATION OF THAT PORTION OF THE ALLEY BE  
9 APPROVED WITH-- AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
10 WITHOUT-- WITH NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 7 IS CONTINUED ONE  
13 WEEK. ITEM NUMBER 8, HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TITLE  
14 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, TO ESTABLISH AREAS, DEVELOPMENT  
15 STANDARDS, AND CASE PROCESSING PROCEDURES FOR SECOND UNITS ON  
16 LOTS WITHIN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTS, AND WE HAVE FOUR  
17 LETTERS OF WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THIS ITEM.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO WISH  
20 TO BE HEARD ON THIS MATTER. WE'LL HEAR FROM THE STAFF FIRST.

21

22 **LEONARD ERLANGER:** THANK YOU. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST OF  
23 YOUR JUNE 24TH, 2003 PROCEEDINGS ON--

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, FIRST.



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2 **LEONARD ERLANGER:** LEONARD ERLANGER, REGIONAL PLANNING. YOU

3 REQUESTED THAT WE COME BACK WITH SUGGESTED POLICY CHANGES TO

4 THE PROPOSED SECOND UNIT ORDINANCE, SO I'LL LIST THEM VERY

5 BRIEFLY FOR YOU. FIRST, WE'RE RECOMMENDING DELETION OF THE

6 PROHIBITION OF HAVING A SECOND UNIT ON LOTS WITH MORE THAN

7 TWICE THE AREA REQUIRED IN THE ZONE. SECONDLY, WITH RESPECT TO

8 THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA REQUIREMENTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT

9 THERE BE NO CHANGES THAT FOR THE SIX YEAR REQUIREMENTS

10 ESTABLISHED THERE CAN BE NO APPLICATION PERIOD, IF THE

11 APPLICANT DOESN'T COMPLY. WITH RESPECT TO WHAT WERE CALLED

12 PREVIOUSLY STANDARDS ONE THROUGH NINE, WE ARE RECOMMENDING

13 THAT THE TERM BE CHANGED TO CONDITIONS AND THAT 1 THROUGH 8

14 REMAIN THE SAME AND NUMBER 9 RELATING TO NONCONFORMING

15 STANDARDS ON THE LOT BE REVISED TO REQUIRE THAT THE EXISTING

16 SINGLE-FAMILY HOME BE BROUGHT UP TO CODE IN RELATION TO

17 PARKING REQUIREMENTS. AS FAR AS STANDARDS, NUMBER 10 THROUGH

18 14, WE'RE SUGGESTING THAT THEY STILL BE CALLED DEVELOPMENT

19 STANDARDS, THEY COULD ONLY BE REVISED-- I'M SORRY, 1 THROUGH 9

20 WOULD ONLY-- WOULD NOT BE REVISABLE AS WELL IN-- UNDER ANY

21 PROCEDURE. STANDARDS 10 THROUGH 14, WE'RE SUGGESTING THAT THEY

22 STILL BE CALLED STANDARDS, THAT THEY BE MODIFIABLE ONLY WITH A

23 VARIANCE, AND THAT THE STANDARDS BE DIVIDED INTO URBAN AND

24 NON-URBAN, OR URBAN AND RURAL STANDARDS. FIRST, WE'RE

25 PROPOSING THAT THE PREVIOUS ALLOWANCE FOR SECOND UNITS AND



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1 REAR YARDS BE DELETED, THAT THE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS WITH  
2 RESPECT TO ROAD ACCESS WIDTH AND ALSO RELATED TO PARKING  
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECOND UNIT REMAIN AS THEY ARE AND BE  
4 APPLICABLE TO BOTH URBAN AND RURAL AREAS. WE'RE PROPOSING THAT  
5 THE ALLOWABLE SIZE OF THE UNIT STANDARD AND THE HEIGHT  
6 STANDARDS BE REVISED AND THAT DIFFERENT STANDARDS BE  
7 ESTABLISHED FOR URBAN VERSUS RURAL AREAS. FOR THE HEIGHT,  
8 WE'RE ESSENTIALLY LOWERING THE ALLOWABLE HEIGHT IN URBAN AREAS  
9 TO SOME DEGREE, AND AS FAR AS THE SIZE OF THE UNIT IN RURAL  
10 AREAS, WE'RE SUGGESTING THAT THEY BE ADJUSTABLE OR THE  
11 ALLOWANCE BE RELATED TO THE SIZE OF THE RESPECTIVE LOT. AND  
12 FINALLY, WE'RE RECOMMENDING SEVERAL NEW STANDARDS. WE'RE  
13 ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENT IN URBAN AND NON-  
14 URBAN AREAS. WE ARE ESTABLISHING A LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENT IN  
15 URBAN AREAS AT 40% OF THE LOT, AND WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT  
16 THE SET-BACK REQUIREMENTS IN RURAL AREAS BE EXTENDED TO 35  
17 FEET FROM ALL LOT LINES. THE SECOND UNIT ORDINANCE WOULD BE A  
18 MECHANIZATION-- MECHANISM FOR LEGALIZATION OF BOOTLEG UNITS IF  
19 THE APPLICANT MEETS ALL OF THE REQUIRED STANDARDS OR, IN THE  
20 EVENT THAT THEY DON'T MEET THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, THAT  
21 THEY FILE A VARIANCE, AND THAT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT YOU  
22 DIRECTED US TO DO AT YOUR PREVIOUS HEARING.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO  
25 WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS. BUT THERE IS AN AMENDMENT THAT'S BEING



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1 PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT PERHAPS THOSE PEOPLE  
2 WHO ARE GOING TO BE HEARD MIGHT WANT TO HEAR HIS AMENDMENT,  
3 AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ADD ONE THING TO HIS AMENDMENT. IF  
4 YOU WANT TO READ YOUR AMENDMENT RIGHT NOW, AND SO EVERYONE WHO  
5 IS SPEAKING WILL BE SPEAKING TO WHAT'S BEFORE US.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A RECENT CHANGE IN THE STATE LAW REQUIRES  
8 THAT THE COUNTY WOULD REVISE ITS PROCEDURES TO ACCOMMODATE THE  
9 CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND UNITS ON PROPERTY ZONED FOR SINGLE-  
10 FAMILY DWELLINGS. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, THE COUNTY STAFF HAS  
11 WORKED WITH INTERESTED PARTIES TO DEVELOP AN ORDINANCE THAT  
12 MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE LAWS AND ADDRESSES THE  
13 LEGITIMATE CONCERNS ABOUT OVER-INTENSIFICATION. BOTH THE  
14 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD RECENTLY CONDUCTED  
15 PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING THE ORDINANCE. THERE HAS BEEN  
16 SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC INPUT AT THESE HEARINGS AND THE NUMEROUS  
17 TELEPHONE CALLS, LETTERS, AND E-MAILS TRANSMITTED BOTH TO THE  
18 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO THE BOARD OFFICES. PRIOR  
19 TO JANUARY 1ST OF THIS YEAR, WHEN THE NEW LAW TOOK EFFECT,  
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO WANTED A SECOND UNIT WOULD FILE FOR A C.U.P.  
21 WHILE THE PROPOSED SECOND UNIT ORDINANCE CREATES CIRCUMSTANCES  
22 WHEREIN A SECOND UNIT COULD BE PERMITTED BY RIGHT AND  
23 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW, IT PRECLUDES OTHER APPLICATIONS.  
24 FOR EXAMPLE, PROPERTIES THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE HIGH FIRE  
25 HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE ARE NOT SERVED BY A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM,



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1 OR ARE NOT SERVED BY A PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM. INDIVIDUALS COULD  
2 NOT SECURE APPROVAL FOR A SECOND UNIT UNDER THOSE  
3 CIRCUMSTANCES. AN OUTRIGHT BAN ON SECOND UNITS IN THESE  
4 LOCATIONS IS BOTH ILLOGICAL AND UNFAIRLY PUNITIVE. AS LONG AS  
5 STAFF THOROUGHLY REVIEWS AN APPLICATION A REASONABLE SET OF  
6 FINDINGS CAN BE MADE AND THE PUBLIC RECEIVES ADEQUATE PUBLIC  
7 NOTICE LOCATING A SECOND UNIT AND SUCH PROPERTIES MAY BE  
8 APPROPRIATE ONLY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. BASED UPON  
9 PUBLIC INPUT, THERE ARE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE SECOND UNIT  
10 ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS. IN A  
11 MEMORANDUM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING ON AUGUST  
12 14TH OF 2003 THE THE STAFF MAKES SEVERAL RECOMMENDED REVISIONS  
13 TO THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS. THE CHANGES CLEARLY CLARIFY CERTAIN PROCEDURES,  
15 ADDRESS CONFORMITY WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CODE AND CREATE  
16 A DISTINCTION BETWEEN SECOND UNITS IN RURAL AREAS AND URBAN  
17 AREAS. FINALLY, THE SECOND UNIT ORDINANCE SHOULD ADDRESS  
18 CONSISTENTLY OF ITS PROVISIONS WITH ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY  
19 STANDARDS DISTRICT, AND CLARIFY THAT THE NEW ORDINANCE WILL  
20 ALSO APPLY TO THE R.P.T. ZONES. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
21 CLOSE-- THIS WOULD BE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARINGS,  
22 THAT WE WOULD CLOSE THOSE HEARINGS AND PREPARE THE DRAFT  
23 ORDINANCE THAT WOULD REFLECT THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS, ALLOW  
24 SECOND UNITS UNDER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCEDURES, WHEREAS  
25 PROPERTIES THAT ARE LOCATED IN VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY



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1 AREA ARE NOT SERVED BY A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM, WHO ARE NOT  
2 SERVED BY A PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM, INCORPORATE THE REVISIONS  
3 ADDRESSING AND THE MEMORANDUM OF AUGUST 14TH, 2003, FROM THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, AND CLARIFY HOW THE  
5 PROVISIONS OF THE SECOND UNIT ORDINANCE WOULD APPLY IN  
6 ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT AND THE ORDINANCE  
7 WOULD ALSO APPLY TO THE R.P.T. ZONE, AND THAT THE BOARD WOULD  
8 THEN ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE  
9 AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITHIN 30 DAYS  
10 FOR ACTION.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I AM WILLING TO SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT, BUT  
13 I DO BELIEVE THAT IN THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE YOU HAVE A SECOND  
14 UNIT THAT'S UNDER A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCEDURE, WHERE  
15 THEY'RE LOCATED IN A VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE OR NOT SERVED  
16 BY A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM, THE PERSON, IN ORDER TO GET THAT--  
17 THE OWNER, IN ORDER TO GET THAT CONDITIONAL USE, SHOULD AGREE  
18 TO WAIVE ANY LIABILITY THE COUNTY MIGHT INCUR FOR GIVING IT TO  
19 THEM. I BELIEVE THERE NEEDS TO BE A WRITTEN WAIVER THAT  
20 SOMEHOW THAT OWNER AND SUBSEQUENT OWNERS WOULD AGREE TO THAT  
21 THEY HAVE WAIVED ANY RIGHT TO SUE THE COUNTY IN CASE THE  
22 PROPERTY IS DESTROYED FOR THE FIRE OR IF THERE IS ANYTHING  
23 THAT RESULTS FROM THEM NOT HAVING THE SEWERS, SO I WOULD ASK  
24 THAT THAT AMENDMENT BE INCLUDED IN THIS AMENDMENT TO THE  
25 MOTION.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SHELLEY COULSON, GINA FERNANDEZ,  
5 AND DALE PRICE. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? AND WHEN YOU  
6 COME FORWARD, HAVE A SEAT AND STATE YOUR NAME.

7

8 **DALE H. PRICE:** DO YOU HAVE ANY ORDER HERE THAT--

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SHELLEY COULSON.

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12 **SHELLEY COULSON:** HI, MY NAME IS SHELLEY COULSON. I AM A  
13 CONCERNED CITIZEN AND A PROPERTY OWNER IN THE LOS ANGELES  
14 COUNTY AREA, AND I ALSO PROCESS BUILDING PERMITS FOR PEOPLE. I  
15 RECEIVED THE FINAL REVISIONS TO THE SECOND DWELLING UNIT  
16 ORDINANCE AND, UPON REVIEWING THE REVISIONS TO THIS ORDINANCE,  
17 I FIND IT CONTINUES TO BE A CONTRADICTION AGAINST THE  
18 CALIFORNIA CODE 65852. SPECIFICALLY, THE AREAS ALLOWED, I  
19 THINK THIS SECTION NEEDS TO BE DELETED ENTIRELY. THESE  
20 CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED IN THE AGENCY APPROVALS. REGARDING  
21 RECLASSIFICATION AS MANDATORY CONDITIONS, WHICH CANNOT BE  
22 MODIFIED, PERIOD, THIS HAS BEEN THE MISTAKE OF OTHER  
23 ORDINANCES. SOME CASES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN WHICH A VERY  
24 SIGNIFICANT ISSUE WOULD PREVENT ISSUANCE OF APPROVAL, BUT NO  
25 ONE CAN PREDICT THE VARIED NATURE OF SITES IN THE ENTIRE



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1 COUNTY. IN THE SECTION E-10, REQUIREMENT OF THE 50-FOOT RIGHT-  
2 OF-WAY, THE ORDINANCE DOES NOT CONTAIN FINDINGS AS REQUIRED IN  
3 THE CALIFORNIA CODE THAT A LESSER RIGHT-OF-WAY WOULD HAVE A  
4 SPECIFIC ADVERSE IMPACT. AGAIN, THE STATE ALLOWS TANDEM  
5 PARKING. I ASSUME THAT THIS WAS INCLUDED IN THE CODE WITH  
6 CAREFUL DELIBERATION. THE COUNTY ORDINANCE DOES NOT INCLUDE A  
7 FINDING WHICH STATES A SPECIFIC ADVERSE IMPACT. THE MINIMUM  
8 LOT SIZE, AGAIN, ONE ACRE. THE COUNTY ORDINANCE DOES NOT  
9 INCLUDE A FINDING WHICH STATES A SPECIFIC ADVERSE IMPACT. THE  
10 NEGATIVE IMPACT OF LOTS LESS THAN ONE ACRE IS NOT PRESENTED.  
11 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ARE ALREADY SET IN PLACE, AND IF THESE  
12 STANDARDS ARE MET, THE SITE SHOULD QUALIFY FOR APPROVAL.  
13 REGARDING THE BOOTLEG OF THE CONVERSION OF GARAGE BOOTLEGS, A  
14 VARIANCE PROCEDURE WAS DISCUSSED. AS I UNDERSTOOD AT THE  
15 HEARING, THESE ARE USUALLY LOCATED IN POORER COMMUNITIES. THE  
16 VARIANCE PROCEDURE IS VERY COST PROHIBITIVE FOR THESE PROPERTY  
17 OWNERS AND THUS IS NOT A MECHANISM TO POSSIBLY LEGALIZE THE  
18 UNIT. FINALLY, PROHIBITING SECOND DWELLING UNITS FROM AREAS  
19 LISTED IN THE SECTION 5-D AGAIN, CONTRADICTS THE CALIFORNIA  
20 CODE. REVISING THE ORDINANCE TO HAVE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR  
21 URBAN AND RURAL AREAS IS VERY PROGRESSIVE, BUT I STRONGLY URGE  
22 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO POSTPONE THEIR VOTE UNTIL AN  
23 ORDINANCE IS PRESENTED WITH THE NATURE INTENDED IN THE  
24 CALIFORNIA CODE. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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3    **GINA FERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS GINA FERNANDEZ, AND WE'VE BEEN  
4    WATCHING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORDINANCE AND SECOND UNIT  
5    BASED ON OUR SPECIFIC NATURE, WHICH IS BUILDING A HOUSE FOR MY  
6    MOTHER-IN-LAW, AND SO FAR, IT'S WORKING OUT TO ONLY LOTS THAT  
7    ARE OF OUR SIZE COULD ACTUALLY BUILD IT WITH ALL THE  
8    LIMITATIONS THAT YOU'VE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. BUT THE ONE  
9    THING THAT I DO WANT TO MAKE SURE HAPPENS IS THAT THE 17-FOOT  
10    HEIGHT LIMIT IS UP FOR A VARIANCE, ONLY FOR DESIGN ISSUES, IF  
11    IT'S A 17-FOOT MANDATORY, THEN THAT LIMITS TUDOR-STYLE HOUSES  
12    OR FRENCH MANSARD ROOFS TO GET THE SECOND UNIT TO LOOK SIMILAR  
13    TO THE FIRST UNIT, AND I WANT TO SUPPORT THAT ISSUE THAT TAKEN  
14    INTO CONSIDERATION THE DESIGN ISSUES AND MODIFICATIONS THAT  
15    YOU COULD STILL APPLY FOR VARIANCES.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD STAFF LIKE TO REPLY TO THAT?

18

19   **RON HOFMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, RON HOFFMAN FROM REGIONAL PLANNING.  
20   THE HEIGHT STANDARDS AS PROPOSED WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE  
21   VARIANCE PROCEDURE.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. COULD WE ASK CAROL  
24   HESS AND LAWRENCE HESS TO COME FORWARD? AND THOSE WHO'VE



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1 SPOKEN, IF YOU WOULD LET SOMEONE ELSE TAKE YOUR SEAT. YES,  
2 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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4 **DALE H. PRICE:** WELL, MY NAME IS DALE PRICE. I ALSO SPEAK FOR  
5 MY WIFE, HAZEL. WE'RE TALKING NOW ABOUT PROPERTY THAT'S BEEN  
6 HISTORICALLY CLASSIFIED AS SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS, THAT'S WHAT THE  
7 RESIDENTS BOUGHT TO LIVE IN AND HAVE PAID TAXES ON. NOW WE'RE  
8 TALKING ABOUT THESE BEING DUAL FAMILY LOTS. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE  
9 BOUGHT. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE WANTED. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT IN  
10 THE FUTURE. IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL/PASADENA COMMUNITY  
11 STANDARDS DISTRICT, A LARGE GROUP OF THE RESIDENTS WORKED HARD  
12 WITH COOPERATION OF COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PAST FOUR  
13 TO FIVE YEARS. THIS TO MINIMIZE DEGRADATION OF THE AREA BY  
14 WHAT WE CLASSED AS MONSTER MANSIONS. AUGUST 28TH, 2001, THE  
15 BOARD PUT IN A NEW SERIES OF STANDARDS FOR THAT AREA THAT  
16 LOOKS LIKE THIS NEW MODIFICATION THAT'S BEING CONSIDERED FLIES  
17 RIGHT IN THE FACE OF WHAT WE FINALLY GOT AFTER FIVE YEARS OF  
18 HARD WORK. WE DESIRE TO AVOID INCREASED POPULATION DENSITY  
19 WITH ITS IMPACT ON IN-STREET VEHICLE STORAGE, TRAFFIC,  
20 UTILITIES, AND PRIVACY. ONE OF MY NEW NEIGHBORS REPORTED  
21 TAKING LESSONS FROM ME IN ROSE PRUNING BY VIEWING MY WORK IN  
22 MY BACKYARD FROM HER SECOND-STORY VIEW WINDOW. SHE LIVES TWO  
23 HOUSES AWAY. WE'VE LOST PRIVACY IN THAT AREA ALREADY. THIS  
24 WILL FURTHER DEGRADE IT. WE REGRET THERE'S BEEN NO-- WE  
25 REQUEST THERE BE NO IMPACT ON OUR AREA, COMMUNITY STANDARDS



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1 DISTRICT THAT WE WORKED SO HARD TO GET. WE ASK THAT BUILDINGS,  
2 CONSTRUCTION LIMITS STILL BE HONORED IF THIS NEW METHOD OR TWO  
3 ON A LOT IS ADOPTED. I THINK IF THE BUILDING STANDARDS THAT  
4 WE'VE SET AFTER MUCH WORK WITH YOU, THE COUNTY PEOPLE, ARE  
5 HONORED, IT WILL MINIMIZE THE SECOND BUILDING ON THE LOT. I DO  
6 WANT TO SEE THAT THAT BE HONORED, NOT VARIATIONS GIVEN TO IT  
7 BECAUSE NOW WE'VE GOT A NEW LAW. AND INCIDENTALLY, THIS NEW  
8 LAW'S REALLY CLIMBED UP ON SOME OF US VERY CAUTIOUSLY. I'M NOT  
9 TOO HAPPY ABOUT THE LACK OF ADVISING THE RESIDENTS IN THE  
10 PAST. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CAN ASK STAFF OR COUNSEL TO MAYBE RESPOND. I  
15 MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, I THINK ONE OF THE ISSUES HERE IS WE'RE  
16 RESPONDING TO A STATE LAW THAT WE'RE BRINGING INTO  
17 CONFORMANCE, IT'S NOT, WHILE I AGREE WITH MR. PRICE'S  
18 COMMENTS, WE ARE IN THE POSITION THAT WE HAVE TO RECONFIGURE  
19 OUR SITUATION TO ADAPT TO STATE LAW. IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR KNABE. STATE LAW  
22 GIVES US TWO OPTIONS: EITHER ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OF OUR OWN OR  
23 APPLY ONLY THE STANDARDS CONTAINED IN STATE LAW AND THE  
24 PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT'S BEEN PUT IN FRONT OF YOU PROVIDES  
25 MORE LATITUDE THAN WOULD BE AVAILABLE UNDER STATE LAW. THE



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1 ONLY WAY THAT YOUR BOARD COULD TOTALLY DENY SECOND UNITS WOULD  
2 BE MAKING FINDINGS THAT THE ADVERSE CONDITIONS THAT WOULD BE  
3 ATTENDANT TO SECOND UNITS OUTWEIGHS THE LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS  
4 OF PROVIDING NEEDED HOUSING AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
5 DETERMINED THAT THEY COULD NOT MAKE THOSE FINDINGS, AND THAT'S  
6 WHY THE ORDINANCE PRESENTED.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THAT WOULD BE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. YOU  
9 COULDN'T DO A BROAD-BRUSH.

10

11 **RICHARD WEISS:** THEORETICALLY, THE BOARD COULD DECIDE THAT IT  
12 COULD DO THAT, BUT IT WOULD TAKE RATHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS,  
13 AND THE COMMISSION DID NOT DETERMINE THAT THAT WAS APPROPRIATE  
14 OR FEASIBLE, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THOSE FINDINGS  
15 PROBABLY COULD BE MADE IN THE COUNTY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, COUNSEL, HOW WOULD-- HOW COULD  
20 YOU ENSURE THAT THE STANDARDS DISTRICTS THAT WE HAVE FOR THE  
21 VARIOUS COMMUNITIES NOT BE ABRIDGED BY THIS PROPOSAL?

22

23 **RICHARD WEISS:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS A PROPOSAL  
24 THAT THE PROVISIONS OF A COMMUNITY STANDARD DISTRICT WOULD  
25 PREVAIL WHERE THEY ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE STANDARDS



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1 THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THE SECOND UNIT ORDINANCE. THAT WOULD BE  
2 ACCEPTABLE SO LONG AS THOSE STANDARDS DID NOT COMPLETELY  
3 PROHIBIT SECOND UNITS WHERE THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE ALLOWED  
4 UNDER THE SECOND UNIT ORDINANCE OR REQUIRE THAT THEY BE  
5 SUBJECT TO DISCRETIONARY ENTITLEMENTS IN EVERY INSTANCE, WHICH  
6 STATE LAW PROHIBITS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS  
9 WILL BE OVERRULED BY THIS ACTION.

10

11 **RICHARD WEISS:** COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS, DEVELOPMENT  
12 STANDARDS WOULD BE OVERRULED TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SECOND  
13 UNIT STANDARDS WERE MORE RESTRICTIVE OR WERE MORE STRICT, THEN  
14 THE SECOND UNIT PREVISIONS WOULD PREVAIL. TO THE EXTENT THAT  
15 THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS WERE MORE STRINGENT, THEN  
16 THOSE WOULD PREVAIL, UP TO THE POINT, YOU COULDN'T HAVE A  
17 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT PROVISION, FOR INSTANCE, THAT  
18 SAID THERE CAN BE NO SECOND UNITS IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED  
19 PROPERTY. THAT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE SECOND UNIT  
20 ORDINANCE AND WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE DIRECTION YOUR  
21 BOARD'S GOING IN, BUT IF SOMETHING HAD A MORE RESTRICTING  
22 HEIGHT GUIDELINE OR SET-BACK GUIDELINE, THEN THAT COULD BE  
23 HONORED, IF IT WERE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN WHAT THE SECOND UNIT  
24 ORDINANCE WOULD OTHERWISE PROVIDE, THAT IS A POSSIBLE  
25 DIRECTION TO GO IN.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **DALE H. PRICE:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. LAWRENCE HESS AND CAROL HESS, AND COULD  
7 WE ASK DAVID GRANGEY TO COME FORWARD, GRANGER, DAVID GRANGER  
8 TO COME FORWARD?

9

10 **CAROL HESS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS CAROL HESS, AND I'M FROM  
11 THE SAN GABRIEL AREA. AND I BEGAN WORKING ON COMMUNITY  
12 STANDARDS IN 1995. I WORKED WITH MR. ERLANGER AND MR. HOFFMAN,  
13 MR.-- WELL, DAVE-- MR. VANETTA, AND WE WORKED VERY HARD TO  
14 COME TO WITH THE STANDARDS THAT WE HAVE TODAY. I'M ALSO A REAL  
15 ESTATE BROKER IN THE AREA, I'VE BEEN IN THERE 27 YEARS, AND I  
16 HAVE TO SAY THAT THE MANSIONIZATION THAT WE HAVE NOW IN OUR  
17 AREA MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO SELL THE HOMES THAT ARE NEXT TO  
18 THESE HOMES, AND ONCE YOU PUT IN SECOND UNITS IN THIS AREA,  
19 IT'LL TAKE THE AIR, THE LIGHT, AND THE PRIVACY AWAY  
20 ADDITIONALLY, AND THOSE HOMES WILL BE MUCH HARDER TO SELL. WE  
21 ARE IN ARWIN AREA NOW, WE ALL PAID FOR OUR HOMES TO LIVE IN  
22 ARWIN AREAS, AND I THINK THIS WILL DEVALUE THE HOMES, THEY'LL  
23 BE HARDER TO SELL, AND I THINK WE'RE INVITING INVESTORS TO  
24 COME IN TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND UNITS, SELL THEM, AND WALK  
25 AWAY. WE HAVE A PERFECT EXAMPLE ON SAN GABRIEL BOULEVARD AND



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1 BEVERLY, WHERE WE HAVE 16 HUGE HOMES BUILT THERE. THERE WON'T  
2 BE ENOUGH ROOM TO ACCOMMODATE ALL THE CARS BECAUSE MULTI-  
3 FAMILIES ARE MOVING INTO THESE HOMES. WE HAVE A LOT OF CAR  
4 PARKS ON THE STREET NOW. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY THE OTHER  
5 EVENING TO DRIVE SOME OF MY AREAS, AND THERE ARE SO MANY CARS  
6 PARKED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET, THAT I HAD TO WAIT FOR  
7 THREE CARS TO GO BY BEFORE I COULD PROCEED, AND THIS WAS ON  
8 MANY OF THE STREETS. SO WE ARE HAVING GREAT IMPACT HERE, AND I  
9 WOULD ASK YOU TO DELETE US FROM THE R-2 SECOND UNIT ORDINANCE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, MR. HESS.

12

13 **LAWRENCE HESS:** MY NAME IS LARRY HESS, I'VE LIVED IN NORTH SAN  
14 GABRIEL SINCE ABOUT 1965. NOTHING MUCH CHANGED IN THE '60S,  
15 '70S, OR '80S, BUT THE '90S, IT STARTED CHANGING. WE THEN  
16 STARTED AS A NEIGHBORHOOD TO COME DOWN AND SEE YOU FOLKS AND  
17 ASK FOR YOUR HELP TO SET STANDARDS SO WE COULD MAINTAIN-- I  
18 DON'T MIND CHANGE, WE MUST HAVE CHANGE, BUT-- OR, YOU KNOW,  
19 ORDERLY CHANGE, AND SOMETHING WE'D ALL BE HAPPY WITH  
20 AFTERWARDS. SO BASICALLY YOU'VE HELPED US, YOU'VE BEEN VERY,  
21 VERY HELPFUL ALL THROUGH THE '90S, AND NOW WE HAVE THIS, SOME  
22 SORT OF A CODE COMING FROM CALIFORNIA STATE THAT'S UPSETTING  
23 OUR LOCAL STANDARDS. THAT'S WHY WE APPEAL TO YOU. YOU HELP US  
24 SET OUR LOCAL STANDARDS TOGETHER, AND WE KNOW THE STATES  
25 REALLY LOOK AT THIS, BUT WE ALSO HAVE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, TOO.



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1 SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO WORK WITH  
2 THE STATE, TO MAKE IT GOOD FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JAMES COLE, WOULD YOU  
5 PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND DAVID GRANGER?

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7 **DAVID GRANGER:** GOOD MORNING. I'VE OWNED AND LIVED IN MY HOUSE  
8 SINCE 1980. I LIVE IN CLAREMONT. MY NAME IS DAVID GRANGER. IT  
9 SITS ON 20,000 SQUARE FEET, APPROXIMATELY HALF AN ACRE, IT'S  
10 CURRENTLY ON A PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM. THE NEW  
11 ORDINANCES PROPOSED INCLUDE ONE WHICH WILL NOT ALLOW PRIVATE  
12 SEWAGE SYSTEMS TO SERVE A SECOND UNIT. I DID COME HERE TODAY  
13 TO RANT AND RAVE. I DON'T THINK THAT'S NECESSARY. IT SEEMS  
14 LIKE THE BOARD IS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF SOME SORT OF  
15 SENSIBILITY. THIS IS A LARGE PIECE OF LAND, AND I THINK THAT  
16 THE PEOPLE DEFINITELY IN THE PASADENA, ALTADENA, THESE OTHER  
17 AREAS ARE FAR MORE CROWDED THAN OUR AREA, WE LIVE IN A VERY  
18 RURAL AREA OUT THERE, IT'S MAINLY HALF ACRE OR ACRE LOTS. I  
19 WOULD HOPE THAT YOU SEE THE SENSIBILITY IN NOT PRECLUDING US  
20 FROM BEING ABLE TO BUILD A SECOND UNIT, FOR JUST THIS ONE  
21 REASON, THE SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM, AND THAT'S REALLY ABOUT ALL I  
22 HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JAMIE SCHER AND JULIE FRIEDRICHSEN.

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1   **JAMES T. COLE:** I'M JAMES COLE, I LIVE IN THE NORTHEAST SAN  
2   GABRIEL C.S.D. AREA. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO LEONARD ERLANGER OF  
3   REGIONAL PLANNING, AND AS OF MONDAY AND TODAY, WE ARE ASSURED  
4   THAT THE C.S.D. RULES WILL APPLY TO ALL SECOND UNITS BUILT IN  
5   OUR AREA. ASSUMING THAT IS TRUE, WHICH I HOPE IT IS, THERE ARE  
6   STILL OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN. WHEN AND HOW DID THE STATE GAIN  
7   THE RIGHT, THE POWER TO VOID LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCE AT THE  
8   STROKE OF A PEN? I HAVE READ THE TEXT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1160,  
9   THE SECOND UNIT BILL, AMENDED BY THE ASSEMBLY APRIL 24TH,  
10   2003. THIS IS THE LATEST VERSION POSTED ON THE ASSEMBLY  
11   WEBSITE. IT TALKS OF A 5-YEAR PLAN, IT TALKS OF REQUIRING EACH  
12   CITY AND COUNTY TO ASSESS ITS HOUSING STOCK AND VACANT  
13   BUILDABLE LAND IN ORDER TO DETERMINE AND REPORT TO THE STATE  
14   HOW EACH JURISDICTION WILL FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE  
15   ITS SHARE OF NEW HOUSING AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE. THIS ALL  
16   SOUNDS TO ME LIKE SOVIET-ERA COMMAND AND CONTROL DICTATORSHIP.  
17   I AM DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE LOSS OF LOCAL CONTROL AND FREEDOM  
18   THIS IMPLIES. WITHOUT LOCAL CONTROL, PRAYER INVOCATIONS WILL  
19   BE BANNED. ON THE MICROLEVEL, THE ASSEMBLY BILL TWICE SPEAKS  
20   OF PROVIDING HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED. UPON  
21   FURTHER STUDY OF THE TEXT, I DO NOT FIND ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR  
22   WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY OF SECOND UNITS. ALSO, THE COUNTY'S  
23   PROPOSED ORDINANCE DOES NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT MEASURES FOR  
24   FIRE PROTECTION FOR SECOND UNITS, SUCH AS EXPANDING DRIVEWAY  
25   WIDTH REQUIREMENTS. THE COUNTY SHOULD REZONE CERTAIN AREAS AS



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1 R-2 WITH PUBLIC INPUT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF  
2 THE COUNTY ZONING LAWS. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WOULD PETER FRIEDRICHSEN  
5 ALSO COME FORWARD?

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7 **PETER FRIEDRICHSEN:** YES I AM. I'M SITTING HERE. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND JULIE FRIEDRICHSEN, IS SHE?

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11 **PETER FRIEDRICHSEN:** I'M SPEAKING FOR BOTH OF US.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY, THEN COULD WE ASK JANE  
14 MCALLISTER TO COME FORWARD. YES, SIR, AND THEN-- YES. MR.  
15 FRIEDRICHSON, WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD.

16

17 **PETER FRIEDRICHSEN:** OKAY. WELL, I FEEL THE ORDINANCE, AS IT'S  
18 PROPOSED, WOULD BE UNFAIR TO PEOPLE LIVING IN HILLSIDE AREAS.  
19 WE ARE BASICALLY BEING EXEMPT FROM THE SECOND UNITS BECAUSE OF  
20 THE NO ALLOWANCE OF THE SEWAGE-- OF THE SEWERS AND IN THE FIRE  
21 AREAS. I MEAN, ALL THE HILLSIDES ARE FIRE AREAS AND WE ALL  
22 HAVE TO MEET COUNTY CODES IRREGARDLESS, SO I FEEL IT'S NOT  
23 FAIR TO EXEMPT US FROM THIS ORDINANCE. AND I DON'T BELIEVE  
24 THAT IT WAS THE STATE'S LEGISLATURE'S INTENTION WHEN PASSING  
25 THIS LAW NOT TO HAVE SECOND UNITS IN HILLSIDES. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, MY AMENDMENT-- I THINK WE HAVE AN  
3 AMENDMENT THAT PROVIDES FOR-- YOU MEAN IN FIRE AREAS.

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5 **PETER FRIEDRICHSEN:** FIRE AREAS, YEAH.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE HAVE A AMENDMENT THAT WOULD MAKE  
8 IT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. MY AMENDMENT WOULD SAY THOUGH THAT  
9 IF THEY DID GIVE THIS VARIANCE TO YOU, THAT YOU COULDN'T COME  
10 BACK LATER AND SUE THE COUNTY FOR GIVING IT TO YOU, OR SOMEONE  
11 YOU SOLD TO COULDN'T COME BACK AND SUE THE COUNTY.

12

13 **PETER FRIEDRICHSEN:** WELL THAT'S ACCEPTABLE. THAT WOULD BE  
14 ACCEPTABLE, OF COURSE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S MY ONLY CONCERN. I MEAN,  
17 I HAVE NO PROBLEM. BUT THEN LATER, THE VERY PEOPLE WE GIVE  
18 THESE VARIANCES TO COME BACK AND SUE US THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE  
19 ADEQUATE WATER THERE IN A FIRE AREA, SO THAT'S MY ONLY  
20 CONCERN.

21

22 **PETER FRIEDRICHSEN:** WELL SOME AREAS, LIKE IN TOPANGA CANYON,  
23 WE DO HAVE CITY WATER, WE DO NOT HAVE SEWERS AND WE DO LIVE ON  
24 HILLSIDES WITH SLOPE PERCENTAGES AND SO ON, WHICH ARE HARD TO



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1 MEET AS THE ORDINANCE HAS PROPOSED NOW, SO THAT'S WHAT I'M  
2 TRYING TO MENTION.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I THINK THAT THAT--

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6 **PETER FRIEDRICHSEN:** I REALIZE MR. ANTONOVICH DID MENTION IT,  
7 BUT BEFORE THIS, IT DID NOT COME UP. OKAY?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. YES.

10

11 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY, FOR CLARIFICATION,  
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD ALLOW WITH A  
13 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT A SECOND UNIT IN CERTAIN AREAS THAT, IN  
14 THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF THE DRAFT ORDINANCE, IT WOULD HAVE  
15 BEEN OUTRIGHT PROHIBITED, AND HOWEVER, AREAS WITH SLOPES OF  
16 GREATER THAN 25% WOULD STILL BE SUBJECT TO AN OUTRIGHT  
17 PROHIBITION. IT IS AREAS THAT ARE IN HIGH FIRE AREAS AND AREAS  
18 WITHOUT PUBLIC SEWER AND WATER SYSTEMS THAT WOULD NOW BE UNDER  
19 THAT PROPOSED MOTION SUBJECT TO A POTENTIAL SECOND UNIT WITH  
20 THE A C.U.P., BUT NOT HILLSIDE AREAS.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT HILLSIDE OVER 25% SLOPE?

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1   **RICHARD WEISS:** WOULD STILL BE AN AREA THAT WOULD NOT BE  
2   ALLOWED AT ALL AND STATE LAW DOES PROVIDE YOUR BOARD WITH THE  
3   AUTHORITY TO MAKE THAT DECISION.

4

5   **PETER FRIEDRICHSEN:** WHICH SEEMS TO BE UNFAIR, 25% HILLSIDE IS  
6   NOT VERY MUCH. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WOULD WANT TO  
7   SPECIFY THAT.

8

9   **RICHARD WEISS:** THE COMMISSION CONSIDERED THAT, THE REGIONAL  
10   PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERED THAT EXTENSIVELY AND DETERMINED  
11   THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE IN THEIR OPINION, AND THAT  
12   WAS THE RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR BOARD.

13

14   **PETER FRIEDRICHSEN:** OKAY.

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16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE,  
17   THE GENTLEMAN--

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19   **JAMIE SCHER:** YES. MY NAME IS JAMIE SCHER, AND THE BIGGEST  
20   PROBLEM IS THAT THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED HERE DO  
21   NOT ADDRESS THE VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA STATE LAW. EVERYBODY  
22   HERE IS MAKING A VALID POINT THAT WE DON'T REALLY WANT SECOND  
23   UNITS, WE DON'T WANT THIS MONSTER DEVELOPMENT, BUT THE PROBLEM  
24   IS IT'S TOO LATE. THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY PASSED THIS LAW. YOU  
25   CAN ONLY PASS AN ORDINANCE THAT ADDRESSES WHAT THE STATE



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1 ASSEMBLY ALLOWS YOU TO DO. OTHERWISE, IT'S A WASTE OF  
2 EVERYBODY'S TIME AND MONEY. THIS LAST-MINUTE HASTILY PREPARED  
3 CHANGES THAT WEREN'T EVEN RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC 'TIL A WEEK  
4 BEFORE THIS HEARING DO NOT ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS. IT JUST SHOWS  
5 YOU HOW A LACK-- WHAT A LACK OF RESPECT THE PLANNING  
6 COMMISSION SEEMS TO HAVE TOWARDS BOTH WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY AND  
7 WHAT WE'VE ALL THE PEOPLE HERE HAVE HAD TO SAY DURING THESE  
8 HEARINGS, BOTH AT THEIR HEARINGS AND AT THESE HEARINGS. I  
9 DON'T LIKE PAYING TAXES, BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE A LAW THAT SAYS,  
10 "OH YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY TAXES IN THIS AREA ANYMORE." IT'S  
11 JUST THE LAW. THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT LAWS THAT ARE  
12 ON THE BOOKS WOULD TAKE CARE OF MOST OF THE PROBLEMS IN TERMS  
13 OF OVERDEVELOPMENT, BECAUSE THEY HAVE REQUIREMENTS FOR SQUARE  
14 FOOTAGE BASED ON LOT SIZE, THUS IN THAT PASADENA AREA, IF YOU  
15 HAD A COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT THAT SAYS YOU COULDN'T HAVE  
16 MORE THAN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SQUARE FOOTAGE ON A PARTICULAR  
17 LOT, YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BUILD A SECOND UNIT, AND AS  
18 COUNTY COUNSEL HAS POINTED OUT THAT WOULD BE PERFECTLY  
19 AMENABLE AND ACCEPTABLE BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LAW. I BROUGHT  
20 THAT UP AT BOTH THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND YOUR LAST  
21 HEARING, IT'S NOT MADE IT TO THE CHANGES. AT A TIME WHEN  
22 BUDGET CUTS ARE REDUCING HEALTHCARE, POLICE AND SHERIFF  
23 SERVICES, YOU CANNOT CONDONE LEGISLATION THAT WILL CREATURE  
24 MORE LAWSUITS AND PREVENT PROPER ZONING ENFORCEMENT. MR.  
25 ANTONOVICH HAS OBVIOUSLY DONE A LOT OF THINKING ABOUT THIS



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1 PARTICULAR ISSUE AND HAS COME UP WITH SOME FAIRLY REASONABLE--  
2 WELL, WHAT I WOULD CONSIDER TO BE REASONABLE ON THE FACE OF  
3 THEM, WAYS OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE  
4 STATE LAW SPECIFICALLY SAYS THAT THE SECOND UNIT MUST BE  
5 APPROVED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW, BOTH THE C.U.P. AND THE  
6 VARIANCE PROCESS REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING, THEREFORE IT'S A  
7 VIOLATION OF THE STATE LAW. I'M SORRY, THAT MAY BE THE WAY WE  
8 WANT TO DO IT, BUT WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO IT THAT WAY. I  
9 WOULD JUST REQUEST THAT YOU SEND THIS GARBAGE BACK AND DEMAND  
10 THAT REGIONAL PLANNING DRAW UP A LEGISLATION THAT IS FAIR AND  
11 BALANCED, THAT DOES NOT VIOLATE THE STATE LAW, THAT GIVES US  
12 PROPERTY OWNERS THE RIGHT TO USE OUR PROPERTY. WE PAY SOME OF  
13 THE HIGHEST PROPERTY TAXES IN THIS NATION, YET REGIONAL  
14 PLANNING FEELS THAT THEY CAN OVERSTEP THE BOUNDS ON WHAT THE  
15 STATE ASSEMBLY HAS DECIDED THAT WHAT WAS PROPER TO PASS. IT'S  
16 NOT FAIR FOR THEM TO STEP BEYOND THEIR AUTHORITY OR TO TRAMPLE  
17 OUR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS. YOU NEED TO-- OH, BY THE WAY, MS.  
18 BURKE, I BELIEVE YOUR AMENDMENT IS PART AND PARCEL OF EVERY  
19 SINGLE C.U.P. THAT COMES OUT THAT THERE'S A TAG LINE IN THERE  
20 THAT COUNTIES CAN'T BE SUED FOR ANYTHING BASED ON IT, THAT  
21 THE-- AN APPLICANT WILL ACCEPT--

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WILL WE END UP BEING SUED, THOUGH?

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1 **JAMIE SCHER:** WELL, YOU MAY BE, BUT I KNOW FROM MY EXPERIENCE  
2 THAT THE APPLICANT MUST SIGN SOMETHING THAT SAYS THAT THEY'LL  
3 PAY FOR YOUR DEFENSE, SO I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT'S GOING TO  
4 AFFECT IT FROM NOW ON. SO, IN CONCLUSION, I JUST WOULD LIKE  
5 YOU TO REVIEW THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED  
6 TO YOU IN WRITING, BOTH AT THE PREVIOUS HEARING, BY MISS  
7 VALLENTE, BY MISS COULSON EARLIER TODAY, AND DEMAND THAT  
8 REGIONAL PLANNING UPDATE THEIR ORDINANCE TO SIMPLY INCLUDE  
9 WHAT THE STATE LAW ALLOWS THEM TO INCLUDE, BY INCLUDING THE  
10 THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS, YOU COULD PREVENT SECOND  
11 UNITS FROM BEING BUILT IN THE PLACES YOU DON'T WANT THEM. IN  
12 TOPANGA CANYON, IF YOU HOUSE A LAND UNDER OF ONE ACRE YOU  
13 CANNOT BUILD A SECOND UNIT IF YOUR HOUSE IS ALREADY OVER THE  
14 MAXIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE SIZE. THESE RESTRICTIONS AS MR. WEISS  
15 HAS POINTED OUT, WOULD SUPERSEDE THE STATE'S LAW AND THEY'RE  
16 ALLOWABLE. LET'S GO WITH THE RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE ALLOWABLE,  
17 LET'S GET RID OF THE ONES THAT ARE NOT ALLOWABLE, AND LET'S  
18 MOVE THIS ON AND STOP WASTING OUR TIME WITH IT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VIVIAN RISCOLVO, WOULD  
21 YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

22

23 **JANE MCALLISTER:** YES. HI. I'M JANE MCALLISTER. HONORABLE  
24 SUPERVISORS, I'M ASKING PLEASE TO STOP WASTING OUR TAX DOLLARS  
25 ON ILLEGAL AND IMPROPER LEGISLATION. REGIONAL PLANNING



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1 PERSISTS IN TRYING TO GO AROUND THE STATE LAW FOR THEIR OWN  
2 REASONS. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO HOLD ONE OF THESE HEARINGS?  
3 WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO GET THEM TO WRITE AN ORDINANCE THAT DOES  
4 NOT VIOLATE STATE LAW AND INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHTS OF YOUR  
5 CONSTITUENTS? THE RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ORDINANCE  
6 WOULD PREVENT LEGAL SECOND UNITS IN MY HOMETOWN OF TOPANGA.  
7 THAT MEANS THAT HUNDREDS OF ILLEGAL SECOND UNITS WILL REMAIN  
8 UNDERGROUND WITH NO OVERSIGHT BY PUBLIC WORKS OR BUILDING AND  
9 SAFETY OR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE COUNTY HAS A CHANCE TO  
10 ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT SOLVES MANY OF THESE ISSUES. PLEASE  
11 TAKE THIS CHANCE. YOU MUST SEND THIS ITEM BACK TO REGIONAL  
12 PLANNING AND INSIST THAT THEY DRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT DOES NOT  
13 OVERSTEP THEIR AUTHORITY AND STEP ON THE RIGHTS OF YOUR  
14 CONSTITUENTS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE THE NEXT TESTIMONY, ARE YOU  
19 BOTH SAYING THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS MORE RESTRICTIVE FROM  
20 WHAT THE STATE--

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22 **JAMIE SCHER:** YES, YES, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING. YOU CAN  
23 READ THE ORDINANCE YOURSELF, AND I SUBMITTED IT TO YOU IN  
24 WRITING AT THE PREVIOUS HEARING THAT EXPLAINED WHY. IN ORDER  
25 TO PROPOSE THE SORT OF RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE ON THIS CURRENT



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1 ORDINANCE, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO SHOW THAT THERE ARE  
2 SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS FROM THE RESTRICTIONS, IF THE  
3 RESTRICTIONS WERE NOT IMPOSED. WELL, THAT'S FINE AND DANDY,  
4 BUT THEY HAVEN'T DONE IT, AND IN MANY OF THE CASES, THEY'RE  
5 NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO IT, WHICH IS WHY THEY HAVEN'T DONE  
6 IT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS JUST DECIDED THEY DON'T LIKE  
7 IT, BUT THEY HAVEN'T SHOWN US ANY REASONS WHY THEY DON'T LIKE  
8 IT. THAT'S NOT GOING TO HOLD UP.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, COUNSEL AS RELATIVE TO THE C.U.P.  
11 WOULD VIOLATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY AS OUTLINED IN THE  
12 STATE LEGISLATION?

13

14 **RICHARD WEISS:** SUPERVISOR, IN OUR OPINION, IT WOULD NOT. STATE  
15 LAW AUTHORIZES YOU TO SELECT AREAS WHICH, FOR GOOD REASON, NO  
16 SECOND UNITS WOULD BE ALLOWED AT ALL, SO YOU'RE NOT REQUIRED  
17 TO PROVIDE THEM IN ALL RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ZONES. THE  
18 ORIGINAL VERSION OF THE ORDINANCE THAT HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO  
19 YOU THE COMMISSION, LISTED FIVE OR SIX AREAS WHERE THE  
20 PLANNING COMMISSION DETERMINED THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR FEATURES,  
21 SECOND UNITS SIMPLY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. WHAT YOUR PROPOSED  
22 MOTION WOULD DO WOULD BE TO PROVIDE THAT, FOR SOME OF THOSE  
23 AREAS, THAT YOU COULD LEGALLY OUTRIGHT PROHIBIT, YOU WILL GIVE  
24 PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SECOND UNITS THERE. IN ORDER TO  
25 DO THAT, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A C.U.P. OUR



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1 THINKING IS THAT IF YOU CAN OUTRIGHT PROHIBIT IN THOSE AREAS,  
2 THAT IF YOU GIVE SOMEBODY AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THEM IN  
3 THOSE SAME AREAS WITH THE DISCRETIONARY ENTITLEMENT, YOU ARE  
4 NOT VIOLATING THE PROHIBITION AND STATE LAW, SO WE BELIEVE YOU  
5 COULD LAWFULLY DO THAT.

6

7 **JAMIE SCHER:** I MUST TAKE EXCEPTION WITH THAT. I BELIEVE THE  
8 STATE LAW SAYS THAT YOU MUST SHOW THERE WERE SPECIFIC ADVERSE  
9 IMPACTS, OTHERWISE, YOU CANNOT CREATE THAT RESTRICTION. THERE  
10 IS NO-- THERE'S NOTHING IN THE ORDINANCE WHICH SHOWS SPECIFIC  
11 ADVERSE IMPACTS AND THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO CREATE THE LAWSUITS  
12 AGAINST THE COUNTY IF THEY TRY TO PASS THIS ORDINANCE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

15

16 **VIVIAN RISCOLVO:** I'M VIVIAN RISCOLVO, AND I'M HERE TO STATE  
17 THAT ORIGINALLY WE WERE CONCERNED THAT THERE WAS NO MECHANISM  
18 TO ALLOW SECOND UNITS IN THE FIRE HAZARD AREAS. HOWEVER, NOW  
19 THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS PROPOSED THIS ORDINANCE, WE  
20 THINK THAT THE ORDINANCE WILL ADDRESS AREAS OF CONCERN FOR THE  
21 BOARD THAT THEY HAVE IN THE FIRE HAZARD AREAS BY HAVING A  
22 C.U.P., SO WE SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE AND FEEL THAT IT'S FAIR  
23 FOR THOSE AREAS THAT WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN A SECOND UNIT, BUT  
24 NOW ARE PROHIBITED. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I THINK THAT EVERYONE  
2   HAS SPOKEN WHO REQUESTED TO. ARE THERE COMMENTS?

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. I'M TOLD THAT THE CITY  
5   OF GLENDALE ADOPTED FINDINGS TO BAN SECOND UNITS CITYWIDE.  
6   WHAT ARE THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THAT TYPE OF ACTION ON A CITY?

7

8   **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT THE STATE LAW DOES ALLOW A LOCAL AGENCY,  
9   THEORETICALLY, TO OUTRIGHT BAN SECOND UNITS WITHIN ALL SINGLE-  
10   FAMILY AND MULTI RESIDENTIAL ZONES, BUT THE ENTITY WOULD HAVE  
11   TO MAKE FINDINGS THAT THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SECOND UNITS  
12   OUTWEIGH THE LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES  
13   FOR SECOND UNITS. SO THE CITY, YOU KNOW, MAY BE SUBJECT-- THE  
14   CITY OF GLENDALE MAY BE SUBJECT TO ATTACK, AND THAT COULD BE  
15   READ BY A COURT AND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A DETERMINATION, OR  
16   THE OPINION OF THE JUDGE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAD MADE  
17   SUFFICIENT FINDINGS TO JUSTIFY AN OUTRIGHT BAN. OUR PLANNING  
18   COMMISSION DID NOT FEEL THAT THAT WAS APPROPRIATE AND DID NOT  
19   RECOMMEND THAT.

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21   **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I THINK COUNCIL AT  
22   LEAST WOULD LIKE SOME RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES RAISED BY THOSE  
23   LAST TWO SPEAKERS THAT FEEL THAT WE'RE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN  
24   THE STATE ORDINANCE, AND I THINK THEY'VE, YOU KNOW, THEY  
25   BROUGHT UP SOME VERY VALID POINTS AND--



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2 **RICHARD WEISS:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME POINT OUT, ONE OF THE  
3 SPEAKERS INDICATED THAT THE ORDINANCE HAS TO MAKE FINDINGS IN  
4 ORDER TO IMPOSE SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS. THE FINAL VERSION OF  
5 THE ORDINANCE THAT'S PRESENTED TO YOU WILL HAVE FINDINGS TO  
6 JUSTIFY THE VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED FOR  
7 YOUR BOARD'S CONSIDERATION BEFORE FINAL ADOPTION.

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9 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, I WONDER IF I COULD ADD A LITTLE POINT  
10 OF CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE HILLSIDE SITUATION. THE WAY THE  
11 ORDINANCE IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN IS THAT IF THE BUILDING SITE  
12 FOR A PROPOSED SECOND UNIT IS LOCATED ON A SLOPE OF LESS THAN  
13 25%, NOT IN A HILLSIDE AREA, THEN THE SECOND UNIT COULD BE  
14 BUILT ON THAT FLATTER PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, BUT IF THERE  
15 WAS ANOTHER PORTION OF THE PROPERTY ABOVE 25% SLOPE, THEN THAT  
16 WOULD BE THE AREA THAT STILL WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM A SECOND  
17 UNIT CONSTRUCTION.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID MR. FRIEDRICHSON HEAR THAT?

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21 **SPEAKER:** [ INAUDIBLE ].

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** ACTUALLY, IT IS WHAT'S IN THE DRAFT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT, IS  
3 THERE A MOTION?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH THE MOTION AS AMENDED.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL YOU ACCEPT MY AMENDMENT, WHETHER IT'S  
8 IN THE C.U.P. OR NOT, I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S THERE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
13 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND  
14 MAY I SAY THAT WITH ORDINANCES LIKE THIS AND NEW APPROACHES AS  
15 ISSUES COME UP, CERTAINLY I'M SURE THAT EVERYONE WILL BE  
16 WILLING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE. THIS IS A  
17 WHOLE NEW AREA FOR US. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO  
18 THANK THE STAFF FOR HARD WORK. ON IT. YES, NEXT ITEM.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 9, HEARING ON ZONE CHANGE  
21 CASE NUMBER 031253 TO MAKE ZONING CONSISTENT WITH ADOPTED  
22 GENERAL PLAN LAND USE CATEGORIES IN THE SAWTELE ZONED  
23 DISTRICT. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS FOR THIS ITEM, MADAM  
24 CHAIR.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD THE STAFF PLEASE MAKE THEIR  
2   STATEMENT?

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4   **GINA M. NATOLI:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD  
5   MORNING. I'M GINA NATOLI OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
6   PLANNING. ZONE CHANGE CASE NUMBER 03125 IS A ZONING  
7   CONSISTENCY CASE, WITH IT THE ZONING FOR OVER 576 ACRES IN THE  
8   SAWTELLE ZONED DISTRICT WILL BE MADE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
9   ADOPTED GENERAL PLAN LAND USES CATEGORIES. THE FEDERAL  
10   GOVERNMENT WAS GIVEN THE PROPERTY, WHICH IS NOW THE SAWTELLE  
11   DISTRICT, 115 YEARS AGO, AS A LOCATION FROM WHICH TO PROVIDE  
12   SERVICES TO MILITARY VETERANS. THE SAWTELLE ZONED DISTRICT WAS  
13   ADOPTED IN 1960 AND ZONE R-4, UNLIMITED RESIDENTS WAS  
14   ESTABLISHED FOR THE ENTIRE DISTRICT. THE COUNTY-WIDE GENERAL  
15   PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN 1980 AND ASSIGNED TWO LAND USE CATEGORIES  
16   TO THE DISTRICT. OPEN SPACE NORTH OF WILSHIRE BOULEVARD AND  
17   PUBLIC AND SEMI PUBLIC FACILITIES SOUTH OF WILSHIRE. THE  
18   DISTRICT LIES COMPLETELY WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
19   LAND USES AND ZONING IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY FOR  
20   PREDOMINANTLY LOW AND MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. SEVEN  
21   PARCELS WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. FOUR PARCELS ARE  
22   OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CURRENT USES INCLUDE THE  
23   FEDERAL BUILDING, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, AND VETERANS  
24   SERVICES CONSISTING OF A HOSPITAL, RECREATION, MEDICAL, AND  
25   PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES, DORMITORIES, THEATERS, AND THE LOS



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1 ANGELES NATIONAL CEMETERY. THREE PARCELS ARE OWNED BY OTHER  
2 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND A UTILITY. THOSE USES INCLUDE A POST  
3 OFFICE, CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, AND AN ELECTRICAL  
4 SUBSTATION. THE ZONED CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS CASE ARE FROM  
5 R-4 TO OPEN SPACE FOR PARCELS IN THE OPEN SPACE CATEGORY, AND  
6 FROM R-4 TO INSTITUTIONAL FOR PARCELS IN THE PUBLIC AND SEMI  
7 PUBLIC FACILITIES CATEGORY. THESE PROPOSED ZONES ARE  
8 CONSISTENT WITH BOTH THE ADOPTED LAND USE CATEGORIES AND WITH  
9 EXISTING ON-SITE USES. STAFF PREPARED AN INITIAL STUDY FOR  
10 THIS CASE AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT NO SIGNIFICANT  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WOULD RESULT FROM THESE ZONE CHANGES.  
12 THEREFORE, STAFF IS RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF A NEGATIVE  
13 DECLARATION FOR THIS CASE. STAFF RECEIVED 5 LETTERS AND 5  
14 TELEPHONE CALLS IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGES, AND  
15 FOUR INDIVIDUALS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES AT THE  
16 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING. STAFF RECEIVED TWO LETTERS IN  
17 OPPOSITION TO THE ZONE CHANGES AND ONE AUTHOR ALSO SPOKE  
18 AGAINST THE ZONE CHANGE AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING.  
19 SUPERVISOR BURKE, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE  
20 PROPOSED ZONE CHANGES AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAWTELE  
21 ZONED DISTRICT AND THAT YOU DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE  
22 THE FINAL ORDINANCE. SUPERVISOR BURKE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
23 THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.  
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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
2   ASKED TO SPEAK. GWYNN ROBINSON, ELIZABETH BRARNARD, AND SYLVIA  
3   NICHOL. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? HOW ARE YOU? PLEASE  
4   STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

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6   **GWYNN ROBINSON:** MY NAME IS GWYNN ROBINSON, AND I HAD 40 YEARS,  
7   TWO MONTHS, AND 20 DAYS OF MILITARY SERVICE BEFORE MANDATORY  
8   RETIREMENT, SO I GUESS THAT QUALIFIES ME AS A VETERAN. I AM  
9   PRESIDENT OF VETERANS PARK CONSERVANCY. WE'RE A NONPROFIT  
10   COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO ENHANCE AND PROTECT  
11   THE WEST LOS ANGELES VETERANS AFFAIRS PROPERTY, TO SUPPORT THE  
12   REZONING RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED  
13   AND WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT. AS MENTIONED BEFORE, THIS  
14   FEDERAL PROPERTY INCLUDES MORE THAN 700 ACRES OF LAND, GIFTED  
15   BY SEVERAL GRATEFUL LOS ANGELES FAMILIES TO THE FEDERAL  
16   GOVERNMENT AND TRUST THAT IT BE FOREVER DEDICATED TO THE NEEDS  
17   OF THOSE WHO HAVE KEPT OUR COUNTRY FREE: OUR VETERANS. THOSE  
18   NEEDS INCLUDED MEDICAL CARE, REHABILITATION, AND, ULTIMATELY,  
19   BURIAL IN A TRANQUIL AND STATELY SETTING. IN THE CENTURY AND  
20   EIGHT WARS THAT FOLLOWED, THE NEEDS OF VETERANS GREW AS  
21   RAPIDLY AS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ITSELF, AND BECAUSE THE  
22   TRUST WAS KEPT, LOS ANGELES ITSELF RECEIVED AN IRREPLACEABLE  
23   GIFT: AN ISLAND OF GREEN SPACE IN THE MIDST OF A METROPOLIS.  
24   TODAY, THE SITE IS HOME TO A COMPLEX OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS,  
25   HISTORIC DISTRICTS, GARDENS, AND FEDERAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING



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1 THE V.A. MEDICAL COMPLEX, THE LOS ANGELES NATIONAL CEMETERY,  
2 WHICH HOUSES THE BOB HOPE VETERANS CHAPEL, WADSWORTH THEATRE,  
3 A 19TH CENTURY VICTORIAN CHAPEL, THE 17-STORY FEDERAL  
4 BUILDING, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. THESE LANDMARK  
5 INSTITUTIONS ARE SITUATED IN A PARK-LIKE SETTING THAT  
6 CONSTITUTES THE MOST ACCESSIBLE AND LARGEST REMAINING PUBLIC-  
7 OWNED OPEN SPACE IN WEST LOS ANGELES. WE APPLAUD THE  
8 COMMISSIONERS' FINDINGS AS BEING CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL  
9 PLAN THAT ESTABLISHES SOUND LAND USE POLICY FOR THE 21ST  
10 CENTURY. THANK YOU.

11  
12 **ELIZABETH BRARNARD:** MY NAME IS ELIZABETH BRARNARD. I'M A  
13 RESIDENT OF BRENTWOOD GLEN. THIS IS A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT  
14 ADJOINS THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY ON ITS EASTERN  
15 SIDE. I'M A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND  
16 WAS A MEMBER OF THE 25-YEAR LAND USE PLAN INSTIGATED BY THE  
17 V.A. I AM IN FULL SUPPORT AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IS  
18 IN FULL SUPPORT OF SUPPORTING YOUR MOTION TO RE-DESIGNATE THIS  
19 LAND AS OPEN SPACE. I'VE BEEN SITTING ON COMMITTEES WITH  
20 CALTRANS AND D.O.T. AROUND THE TREMENDOUS TRAFFIC ISSUES ON  
21 THE WEST SIDE, THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING MORE DENSITY AND  
22 TRAFFIC SEEMS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE. WE ARE REALLY  
23 GRATEFUL FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN PUTTING FORTH THIS  
24 CHANGE AND FULLY SUPPORT IT.



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE OTHER PERSON HAS ASKED TO SPEAK. JAY  
2   AHADLE.

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4   **JAY HANDEL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAY HANDEL, I'M THE  
5   PRESIDENT OF THE WEST L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND I CAME  
6   HERE TODAY SPECIFICALLY TO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THROUGH THIS  
7   CHANGE. IT'S OBVIOUSLY VERY CONSISTENT AND, TO SAY THE LEAST,  
8   WE ON THE WEST SIDE, ALTHOUGH IT'S ALWAYS AN UNDERCURRENT, THE  
9   REALITY IS WE HAVE TO STOP THE LAND GRAB. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE  
10   ALL AFRAID OF. WE'RE AFRAID OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE V.A.  
11   PROPERTY, WE'RE AFRAID THAT THE VETERANS WILL LOSE THEIR  
12   PROPERTY AND LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THAT WHICH WAS  
13   GIFTED TO THEM. YOUR CHANGE IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION HELPS  
14   US STOP SOMETHING THAT WE ALL KNOW IS COMING OR IS GOING TO BE  
15   ATTEMPTED TO COME THROUGH A SWAP OF LAND THAT'S BEING  
16   PROPOSED, BUT IT IS CONSISTENT, IT'S PERFECT FOR OUR  
17   NEIGHBORHOOD, IT ADDRESSES THE SITUATION THAT WE HAVE OF OUR  
18   TRAFFIC AND OUR IMPACTS AND WE APPLAUD YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME  
19   AND THE EFFORT TO PUT THIS THROUGH AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR--  
20   THE INTEGRITY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS WELL PROTECTED, SO WE  
21   THANK YOU.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO READ A MOTION IN.  
2   FIRST I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS ATTENDED TODAY'S  
3   HEARING AND WHO HAS COMMUNICATED IN WRITING AND MADE THEIR  
4   TESTIMONY A PART OF THE RECORD. THE SAWTELLE DISTRICT IS A  
5   UNIQUE AREA IN OUR COUNTY, WHERE VITAL SERVICES HAVE BEEN  
6   PROVIDED TO OUR NATION'S VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR OVER  
7   115 YEARS. THE ZONE CHANGES BEFORE US TODAY WILL BRING THE  
8   ZONING OF THE DISTRICT INTO CONFORMANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN  
9   LAND USE DESIGNATIONS, AND THEY REFLECT THE EXISTING USES OF  
10   THE PROPERTIES. THEY ALSO REFLECT THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE IN  
11   PROTECTING THE PUBLIC SERVICES AND AMENITIES PROVIDED BY  
12   VARIOUS AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE  
13   DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS  
14   CASE, THE EXPEDITIOUS WORK I MIGHT ADD. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT  
15   THE BOARD FIRST CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING; SECOND, CONSIDER THE  
16   NEGATIVE DECLARATION TOGETHER WITH ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED  
17   DURING THE PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS, FIND THAT THERE IS NO  
18   SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THE PROJECT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT  
19   EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THAT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
20   REFLECTS-- AND IT REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT AND  
21   ANALYSIS OF THE BOARD AND ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION. AND  
22   THIRD, THAT THE-- FIND THAT THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN THE  
23   SAWTELLE ZONED DISTRICT ARE DOMINIMOUS IN THEIR EFFECT ON FISH  
24   AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL  
25   PLANNING TO COMPLETE AND FILE THE CERTIFICATE OF FEE,



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1 EXEMPTION FOR THE PROJECT. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
2 APPROVE ZONE CHANGE CASE NUMBER 03-125-(3)-- OH, THAT'S THE  
3 DISTRICT IT IS, IS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
4 COMMISSION AND DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE AN  
5 ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS IN SAWTELLE  
6 ZONED DISTRICT NUMBER 124 AS PROVIDED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE  
7 NUMBER 03-125. THAT'S MY MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND IS THERE A-- SECONDED  
10 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO -- SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 10, DE NOVO HEARING ON  
15 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER 011052 TO ALLOW THE  
16 CONTINUED USE OF AN EXISTING HAND CAR WASH ON PROPERTY LOCATED  
17 IN LADERA HEIGHTS, VIEW PARK ZONED DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY  
18 CASIE LAMEX. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS  
21 ITEM? THEODORE IRVING, DAVID NORMAN REED, III, AND ROBERT  
22 WILSON, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A  
23 STAFF REPORT FIRST.

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1   **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD  
2   MORNING, I AM RUSSELL FRICANO, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
3   PLANNING, AND TO MY LEFT IS KEVIN JOHNSON, THE PLANNER ON THIS  
4   CASE. THIS IS AN APPEAL OF DENIAL TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
5   011052. THIS IS A REQUEST TO ALLOW CONTINUED USE OF AN  
6   EXISTING HAND CAR WASH AT 4601 WEST SLAUSON AVENUE, LADERA  
7   HEIGHTS, IN THE VIEW PARK ZONED DISTRICT. AS ZONING ON THE  
8   SUBJECT PROPERTY IS C-2 OR NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS AND THE  
9   PREVAILING ZONING IN THE AREA IS C-2 WITH R-1 OR SINGLE-FAMILY  
10   RESIDENCE TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH. PREVAILING USES ARE  
11   COMMERCIAL WITH RESIDENTIAL ALSO TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH. A  
12   NUMBER OF ENFORCEMENT ISSUES HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS  
13   CAR WASH AND THE CAR WASH OPERATION HAS BEEN CITED BY THE  
14   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING IMPROPER DRAINAGE,  
15   UNAUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION, AND CODE VIOLATIONS ON THE SITE.  
16   THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN CITATIONS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE,  
17   AND FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN CORRECTED. THIS CASE  
18   WAS HEARD BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 9TH,  
19   2002, DECEMBER 11TH, 2002, AND MARCH 5TH, 2003. THE REGIONAL  
20   PLANNING COMMISSION INSTRUCTED THE APPLICANT TO MEET WITH THE  
21   COMMUNITY IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE CAR  
22   WASH OPERATION. AT THE MEETING THAT WAS ULTIMATELY HELD, LOCAL  
23   RESIDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SEVERAL ISSUES WHICH I  
24   WILL BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE. EXCESSIVE NOISE EMITTED BY VACUUM  
25   CLEANERS, BLOWERS, AND LOUD MUSIC, POOR MAINTENANCE OF THE



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1 PROPERTY, WATER NOT BEING CONTAINED ON-SITE, TRASH FROM CAR  
2 WASH DISPERSED BY THE WIND ON TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES,  
3 UNSIGHTLY BUSINESS SIGNAGE, OBSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAYS BY CARS  
4 QUEUING AT THE CAR WASH AND UNWILLINGNESS OF THE OPERATOR AND  
5 EMPLOYEES IN ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES. TO THIS DATE, THE  
6 APPLICANT HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY SOLUTIONS TO THESE ISSUES  
7 EXPRESSED BY THE COMMUNITY, AND BASED UPON THESE  
8 CIRCUMSTANCES, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DENIED THE  
9 PERMIT AND THE APPLICANT HAS FILED THE APPEAL, WHICH IS BEFORE  
10 YOU TODAY. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, YES, WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR  
13 NAME?

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15 **ROBERT L. WILSON:** YES. MY NAME IS ROBERT L. WILSON, I'M A  
16 LAWYER, AND I REPRESENT THE APPLICANT IN THIS CASE, MAMIE'S  
17 CAR WASH. I HAVE SEVEN COPIES OF SOME WRITTEN TESTIMONY, WHICH  
18 I INTEND TO SUPPLEMENT BY ORAL TESTIMONY. IN 1992, A  
19 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WAS GRANTED FOR THE OPERATION OF A HAND  
20 CAR WASH AT THIS LOCATION. IT WAS SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE ON  
21 JUNE 24 OF 1997. AT THAT TIME, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL  
22 PLANNING COMMISSION MADE THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS, THE REQUESTED  
23 USE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED GENERAL PLAN, WITH THE  
24 ATTACHED RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS THE REQUESTED USE WILL  
25 NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE HEALTH, PEACE, COMFORT, AND WELFARE



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1 OF PERSONS RESIDING OR WORKING IN THE SURROUNDING AREA AND  
2 WILL NOT BE MATERIALLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE USE, ENJOYMENT, OR  
3 VALUATION OF PROPERTY OF OTHER PERSONS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY  
4 OF THE SITE AND WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE, ENDANGER, OR OTHERWISE  
5 CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR GENERAL  
6 WELFARE. THE SITE IS ADEQUATE IN SIZE AND SHAPE TO ACCOMMODATE  
7 THE DEVELOPMENT FEATURES PRESCRIBED IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE,  
8 AND OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO INTEGRATE THE USE REQUESTED WITH THE  
9 USE IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. AND FINALLY, THE SITE HAS  
10 ADEQUATE TRAFFIC ACCESS AND IS ADEQUATELY SERVED BY EITHER  
11 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FACILITIES WHICH IT REQUIRES. NOW, NO STEPS  
12 WERE TAKEN BY THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AT THAT TIME, OR  
13 AFTER JUNE 24TH OF 1997, TO EXTEND THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT,  
14 BUT THE USE OF THE CAR WASH CONTINUED UNABATED UP UNTIL THE  
15 PRESENT TIME. ON MAY 10, 2001, CASIE LAMAX RECEIVED A NOTICE  
16 THAT THE CAR WASH WAS IN OPERATION WITHOUT A VALID CONDITIONAL  
17 USE PERMIT. SHE HAD PURCHASED THE PROPERTY AND THE BUSINESS ON  
18 JANUARY 1 OF 2001 AS A GOING BUSINESS, WITHOUT CONSULTING ANY  
19 DUE DILIGENCE, BUT RELYING ON THE STATEMENT BY THE OWNER AT  
20 THAT TIME, A MR. OCTAVIO MORENO, FROM WHOM SHE PURCHASED THE  
21 PROPERTY AND THE BUSINESS, HE ASSURED HER THAT IT WAS IN-- THE  
22 CAR WASH WAS IN FULL COMPLIANCE AND ALL SHE NEEDED TO DO WAS  
23 OPERATE IT. IN THE MEANTIME, SHE HAD A WATER RECYCLING SYSTEM  
24 INSTALLED ON THE PREMISES, SHE HAD SUBSTANTIAL REPAIRS AND  
25 RENOVATIONS MADE TO THE PROPERTY, SHE SATISFIED A CLAIM OF



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1 WATER DRAINAGE ON THE STREET BY THE COUNTY, AND SHE OBTAINED A  
2 INDUSTRIAL WASTE PERMIT. NOW, THEN, ON APRIL 30TH OF 2003, THE  
3 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOUND THAT THE SAME BUSINESS  
4 VASTLY IMPROVED FROM WHAT IT WAS ON JULY 19, '92, ADVERSELY  
5 AFFECTED THE HEALTH, PEACE, COMFORT, AND WELFARE OF PERSONS  
6 RESIDING OR WORKING IN THE SURROUNDING AREA AND WAS MATERIALLY  
7 DETRIMENTAL TO THE USE, ENJOYMENT, OR VALUATION OF PROPERTY OF  
8 OTHER PERSONS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY AND WOULD JEOPARDIZE,  
9 ENDANGER, OR OTHERWISE CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC  
10 HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE. IT FURTHER FOUND THAT THE  
11 APPLICANT FAILED TO SUBSTANTIATE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE  
12 COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED SITE WAS ADEQUATE IN SIZE AND  
13 SHAPE TO ACCOMMODATE THE DEVELOPMENT FEATURES PRESCRIBED, AND  
14 THAT THE APPLICANT FAILED TO SUSTAIN TO THE SATISFACTION OF  
15 THE COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED SITE WAS ADEQUATELY SERVED BY  
16 HIGHWAYS, STREETS, OR OF SUFFICIENT WIDTH AND APPROVED TO  
17 HANDLE THE TRAFFIC NECESSARY. NOW, HOW COULD A BUSINESS WHICH  
18 COMPLIED WITH ALL THOSE STANDARDS IN 1992, THEREAFTER  
19 IMPROVED, FAIL TO SATISFY ANY OF THOSE REQUIREMENTS? AND IT  
20 TOOK ME A WHILE TO FIND THAT OUT, BUT AFTER GOING THROUGH  
21 SEVERAL REPORTS AT THE HEARINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, I  
22 SAW IN THE DECEMBER 5, 2002 REPORT THAT THE REASON WAS OBVIOUS  
23 AT THAT TIME, AND THAT WAS TO PUNISH THE PRESENT APPLICANT FOR  
24 TRANSGRESSIONS OF THE PREVIOUS OWNERS. IT STATED, IN ITS  
25 CONCLUSIONS ON DECEMBER 5 OF 2002, THAT A CONDITIONAL USE



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1 PERMIT WAS GRANTED FOR THE CAR WASH IN 1992. THE REGIONAL  
2 PLANNING COMMISSION'S FINDINGS SPECIFICALLY INDICATED THAT THE  
3 USE WAS TO BE AN INTERIM USE PENDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE.  
4 CONDITION 4 OF THIS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ESTABLISHED THAT  
5 THE INSPIRATION DATE OF JUNE 24, 1997, A RELATIVELY SHORT  
6 PERIOD OF TIME TO REFLECT THEIR FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION  
7 THAT THE USE WAS TO BE DETERMINED TEMPORARY. THE USE HAS BEEN  
8 IN OPERATION ON THE PROPERTY FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5-1/2 YEARS  
9 BEYOND THE TIME PERIOD ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION WITHOUT A  
10 VALID CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND NEITHER THE PREVIOUS OWNER  
11 NOR THE CURRENT OWNER WERE FORTHCOMING IN FILING FOR A NEW  
12 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT UNTIL ENFORCEMENT ACTION WAS TAKEN.  
13 WELL, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS INCENSED  
14 BY THE CONDUCT OF THE PRIOR OWNERS IN DISREGARDING THEIR  
15 EDICTS ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THE PLACE, AND THE PRESENT OWNER  
16 WHO BOUGHT THE PROPERTY, UNBEKNOWNST TO ANY PROBLEM ON THE  
17 PROPERTY WHATSOEVER, AS SOON AS SHE HEARD IN MAY OF 2001 THAT  
18 THERE WAS A PROBLEM ON THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, SHE THEN  
19 APPLIED FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AND THAT'S WHERE WE ARE  
20 TODAY. NOW, IN MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY, I'VE GONE THROUGH VARIOUS  
21 REPORTS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THINGS THAT THEY RELIED  
22 UPON IN MAKING THEIR FINDINGS, AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE FACT  
23 THAT THOSE THINGS WERE NOT REALLY THINGS AT ALL THAT THEY  
24 COULD RELY ON. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY TOOK IT TO PUBLIC HEARING,  
25 TESTIMONY FROM ANONYMOUS PATRONS, PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD,



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1 THAT THE AREA WAS SUBJECT TO POLICE ENFORCEMENT, PROSTITUTION,  
2 AND DRUGS. WELL, THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONTACTED THE MARINA  
3 DEL REY SHERIFF'S STATION AND THEY SAID, NO, IN A WHOLE YEAR,  
4 THERE HAS BEEN NO POLICE ACTIVITY ON THAT SITE. AND THAT  
5 DIDN'T SATISFY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THEY SAY, "WELL, GO  
6 BACK ANOTHER YEAR, GO BACK ANOTHER YEAR AND SEE WHAT YOU GOT,"  
7 AND THE POLICE-- SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WENT BACK ANOTHER YEAR  
8 AND THEY SAID, NO, WE HAVE NO POLICE ACTIVITY AT THAT SITE.  
9 BUT ACROSS THE STREET, AT THE JET INN, A MOTEL, THERE IS THAT  
10 KIND OF ACTIVITY. SO WE-- THE MAMIE'S CAR WASH WAS BEING  
11 BLAMED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR POLICE ACTIVITY THAT  
12 OCCURRED AT AN ADJACENT BUT UNRELATED SITE. THERE WAS AN  
13 ALLEGATION THAT THERE WAS NOISE FROM THE VACUUM CLEANERS,  
14 WHERE THEY VACUUMED THE CARS. SO THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
15 PLANNING CONTACTED THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A  
16 NOISE STUDY AND THEY WENT OUT THERE AND THEY CONDUCTED A NOISE  
17 STUDY, ON SEPTEMBER 9TH OF 2002 THEY ISSUED THEIR REPORT. AND  
18 THEIR REPORT WAS IN CONCLUSION, AND THIS WAS DONE BY THE WAY  
19 WITH THE VACUUM CLEANERS OPERATING, THAT THE TRAFFIC NOISE  
20 ALONG SLAUSON AVENUE, SLAUSON AVENUE BORDERS THIS PROPERTY BY  
21 THE WAY, WAS THE MOST DOMINANT NOISE SOURCE IN THE AREA. SINCE  
22 ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS ARE NOT CONTROLLABLE ETCETERA, THERE  
23 CAN BE INSTANCES WHERE NOISE FROM THE CAR WASH COULD BE  
24 AUDIBLE, HOWEVER WE CAN'T CONCLUSIVELY DETERMINE IF THE CAR  
25 WASH CONTRIBUTES ANY NOISE TO THE NOISE LEVELS IN THE AREA.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU PROVIDE US WITH THAT?

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4 **ROBERT L. WILSON:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE A REFERENCE TO IT, BUT COULD YOU  
7 PROVIDE US WITH A COPY OF THAT?

8

9 **ROBERT L. WILSON:** YES. I HAVE-- I HAVE NOT PROVIDED YOU WITH A  
10 COPY--

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE CAN GET IT LATER.

13

14 **ROBERT L. WILSON:** BUT DO I HAVE IT. I ALSO HAVE, WHICH I WOULD  
15 LIKE TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY  
16 TESTIMONY, A SET OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE CAR WASH AS IT  
17 EXISTED, AS IT HAS BEEN IMPROVED BY THE PRESENT OWNERS. THERE  
18 ARE SOME OTHER ALLEGATIONS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
19 PLANNING COMMISSION HERE TODAY MADE REFERENCE TO A FIRE  
20 DEPARTMENT REPORT. WELL THAT REPORT WAS FOR A BUILDING THAT IS  
21 ADJACENT TO THIS SITE BUT IS NOT PART OF THE CAR WASH AND IS  
22 NOT UNDER THE SAME OWNERSHIP AS THE CAR WASH IS. AND YOU DON'T  
23 HAVE TO BE A ROCKET SCIENTIST IN LOOKING AT THAT REPORT TO SEE  
24 TALKING ABOUT THE SECOND STORY AND STUFF AND YOU'LL SEE FROM  
25 THE PHOTOGRAPHS THAT THERE IS NO SECOND-STORY BUILDING ON THE



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1 CAR WASH. FINALLY THERE WAS A-- AN ALLEGATION THAT THERE WAS  
2 INSUFFICIENT SPACE FOR CARS AS THEY CAME THERE TO BE WASHED.  
3 AND SO THEY HAD THE DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING CONDUCT  
4 A TRAFFIC SURVEY. AND THE TRAFFIC SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING CONCLUDED ABSOLUTELY  
6 THERE'S MORE THAN ADEQUATE SPACE FOR CARS, YET IN THEIR DENIAL  
7 OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, THE PLANNING COMMISSION REFERS  
8 TO INADEQUATE SPACE FOR TRAFFIC. SO I THINK SOME OF THE THINGS  
9 THAT ARE OBVIOUS ON THIS IS THE DEGREE OF WHAT I WILL CALL  
10 ENTHUSIASM, IF NOTHING BETTER, OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN  
11 TRYING TO TERMINATE THIS CAR WASH BECAUSE THEY FELT THAT FOR  
12 FIVE AND A HALF YEARS SOME OWNERS OF THIS PROPERTY THUMBED  
13 THEIR NOSE AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND OPERATED A CAR  
14 WASH BEYOND THE TIME OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, BUT THAT  
15 WAS NOT THE PRESENT OWNER AND THEY'RE FIXING HER WITH THE SINS  
16 OF HER FATHER.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SIR, CAN YOU-- WE'VE BEEN SIR, ORDINARILY  
19 WE HOLD THIS TO THREE MINUTES. YOU'VE GONE ON FOR QUITE SOME  
20 TIME. HAVE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE STAFF?

21

22 **ROBERT L. WILSON:** I'M SORRY I--

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE YOU  
25 CONCLUDE?



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2 **ROBERT L. WILSON:** ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I THINK THAT'S A LITTLE PAST THE  
5 AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WE ALLOCATE BUT IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN  
6 WRITING, IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE GOING THROUGH?

7

8 **ROBERT L. WILSON:** WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE BOARD THE  
9 PHOTOGRAPHS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

12

13 **ROBERT L. WILSON:**-- DEPICTING THE PROPERTY.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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17 **ROBERT L. WILSON:** VERY QUICKLY I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE  
18 PROPERTY IS ZONED C-2. IT IS ZONED FOR GAS STATIONS SO THAT--  
19 AND-- BUT FOR SOME REASON A HAND CAR WASH REQUIRES A  
20 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, WHICH I THINK IS LESS NOXIOUS THAN A  
21 SERVICE STATION. IT'S EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
22 QUALITY ACT AND IT'S BEEN USED AS A CAR WASH FOR PROBABLY 15  
23 YEARS, AT LEAST. IT'S A CAR WASH THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE  
24 GENERAL PLAN AND IT COMPLIES GENERALLY WITH A SECTION OF  
25 COUNTY CODE RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTS IN C-2 ZONE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW DAVID  
3 NORMAN REED, DID YOU COME UP-- WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD  
4 AND THEODORE IRVING. AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS  
5 RESPOND TO THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED IN TERMS OF THE  
6 TRAFFIC STUDY AND SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES. YES.

7

8 **DAVID NORMAL REED III:** GOOD MORNING OR AFTERNOON TO ALL OF  
9 YOU. MY NAME IS DAVID NORMAN REED, III. I AM HERE TO REPRESENT  
10 THE HOMEOWNERS OF VIEW PARK AND WINDSOR HILLS IN THE  
11 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH THE AUSPICES  
12 OF THE UNITED HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, WHICH REPRESENTS THE  
13 HOMEOWNERS WITH APPROXIMATELY 1,200 PAID DUES HOMEOWNERS AND  
14 WE'RE ALSO REPRESENTING AT-LARGE APPROXIMATELY 4,500  
15 HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN VIEW PARK, WINDSOR HILLS, VIEW HEIGHTS AND  
16 ANGELES MESA. I MYSELF HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF VIEW PARK SINCE  
17 1967. I GREW UP IN MY HOME AND I NOW OWN IT. AND I HAVE BEEN  
18 INVOLVED WITH UNITED HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SINCE 1993. AND AS  
19 I HAVE STATED BEFORE, I AM NOW ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF  
20 UNITED HOMEOWNERS. I'D LIKE TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE  
21 REPORT FROM THE LAST REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD  
22 DATED APRIL 30TH, 2003. AT-- DURING WHICH REPORT IF YOU'VE  
23 NOTICED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE REPORT THERE WAS A 4 TO  
24 NOTHING VOTE AGAINST THE CONTINUATION OF THIS CONDITIONAL USE  
25 PERMIT. AND AGAINST, THE CONTINUED BUSINESS OPERATION OF THIS-



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1 - OF THIS CAR WASH, I'D JUST LIKE YOU TO NOTE THAT FOR THE  
2 RECORD THAT THERE WAS A 4 TO NOTHING VOTE AGAINST THIS. ALL  
3 MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD WHICH ATTENDED THAT  
4 MEETING VOTED AGAINST. THERE WAS ONE MEMBER ABSENT. AND I'D  
5 ALSO JUST LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION ON PAGE THREE OF  
6 THAT REPORT DATED APRIL 30TH 2003 POINT NUMBER 6 ON PAGE  
7 THREE, AND IT SAYS AS FOLLOWS, THE CAR WASH WAS ILLEGALLY  
8 ESTABLISHED ON THE PROPERTY AFTER THE OWNER WAS INFORMED THAT  
9 A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WOULD BE NECESSARY. A RETROACTIVE  
10 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WAS APPROVED IN 1992 TO ALLOW THE CAR  
11 WASH AS A TRANSITIONAL USE PENDING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON THE  
12 SITE. THE GRANT WAS GIVEN A FIVE-YEAR TERM DUE TO THE  
13 TEMPORARY NATURE OF THE APPROVAL. THE GRANT EXPIRED IN 1997  
14 AND THE USE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS  
15 WITHOUT A VALID C.U.P. THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT ACTION WAS  
16 INITIATED UPON DISCOVERY OF THE ILLEGAL OPERATION OF THE CAR  
17 WASH ON THE PROPERTY AND OTHER ZONING VIOLATIONS. AND BEFORE I  
18 CLOSE I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS-- YOU KNOW, THE OWNER--  
19 YOU KNOW, AS YOU CAN SEE, HAS, YOU KNOW, SECURED LEGAL COUNSEL  
20 NOW, NOW THAT THE OWNER HAS PURCHASED THE PROPERTY AND FOUND  
21 THEMSELVES IN A BIT OF A SPOT. I WOULD SUBMIT TO YOU THAT THEY  
22 SHOULD HAVE SECURED COUNSEL OR SECURED COMPETENT COUNCIL AT  
23 THE TIME THAT THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY  
24 SO THAT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES IN THIS SITUATION  
25 IN THE FIRST PLACE BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL BUILDER OF THIS CAR



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1 WASH, OKAY, ON THIS PROPERTY GAVE A PROMISE TO THE HOMEOWNERS,  
2 MET WITH THE HOMEOWNERS AND IT WAS AGREED BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL  
3 OWNER-BUILDER OF THIS PROPERTY, THIS CAR WASH AND UNITED  
4 HOMEOWNERS THAT THIS WOULD ONLY BE A TEMPORARY USE OF THIS  
5 SITE, OKAY. AND AS I RECALL, THEY-- IT WAS AGREED UPON THAT  
6 ANOTHER USE WAS GOING TO BE EVENTUALLY USED FOR THE SITE, SUCH  
7 AS SENIOR HOUSING. AND SO THEREFORE UNITED HOMEOWNERS WENT  
8 ALONG WITH THE PLAN. THE ORIGINAL OWNER SAID THAT HE NEEDED,  
9 YOU KNOW, TO RAISE CAPITAL THROUGH THE OPERATION OF THE CAR  
10 WASH AND THAT THIS CAPITAL WOULD EVENTUALLY ALLOW HIM TO BE  
11 ABLE TO BUILD SOMETHING WHICH THE HOMEOWNERS GROUP FELT WAS  
12 SUITABLE FOR THE SITE. THIS NEVER HAPPENED. I DON'T KNOW HOW  
13 MANY HAVE HAD THIS PROPERTY SINCE THE ORIGINAL OWNER, BUT NOW,  
14 YOU KNOW, THE PEOPLE THAT ARE STILL OPERATING IT AS A CAR  
15 WASH, NOW THEY WANT TO COME HERE AND, YOU KNOW, GO OVER THE  
16 HEADS OF EVERYBODY AND BASICALLY HAVE-- AND, YOU KNOW, JUST  
17 HAVE THEIR WAY AT IT WITHOUT THE, YOU KNOW, PROPER-- WITHOUT  
18 THE PROPER LEGALITIES INVOLVED. I'LL END MY COMMENTS THERE AND  
19 ALLOW MR. IRVING TO FINISH, THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY THANK YOU. GO RIGHT AHEAD. STATE YOUR  
22 NAME PLEASE.

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24 **THEODORE IRVING:** GOOD MORNING MISS PRESIDENT OF THE  
25 COMMISSION. MY NAME IS THEODORE IRVING. I LIVE AT 4242



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1 VICTORIA AVENUE AND I'M A RESIDENT OF VIEW PARK COMMUNITY, I  
2 AM ALSO A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE UNITED HOMEOWNERS--

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. IRVING, JUST A SECOND. LET ME ASK LA  
5 DELL KING TO COME UP AND KATRINA WILLIAMS. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

6

7 **THEODORE IRVING:** OKAY. AS I STATED I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE  
8 UNITED HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, I'M A MEMBER OF THEIR LAND USE  
9 COMMITTEE. AND WE ARE ON THE RECORD AS OPPOSING THIS PROJECT  
10 AND WE ARE ASKING THAT THE COMMISSION, I MEAN THAT THE  
11 SUPERVISOR DENY THE APPEAL. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN A NUISANCE  
12 IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR SOME TIME. IT HAS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE  
13 A NUISANCE ACTIVITY, SUCH AS LOUD NOISES. IT HAS PROVIDED DRUG  
14 ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE STREETS RIGHT ALONG WHERE  
15 THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAR WASH IS. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF  
16 DEBRIS AND SO WE ARE ASKING THAT THIS BODY UPHOLD THE ACTION  
17 OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND DENY THE APPEAL.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. RIGHT STATE YOUR NAME  
20 PLEASE.

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22 **LA DELL KING:** YES, MY NAME IS LADELL KING. I'M IN FAVOR OF THE  
23 CAR WASH. I WORK DOWN AT THE CAR WASH.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WORK THERE?



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**LA DELL KING:** YES, DO I. THE CAR WASH HAS BROUGHT A LOT OF JOBS TO THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE MINORITIES, GIVEN SOME OF THE YOUTH JOBS IN THE SUMMERTIME WHEN THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO DO. IF THE CAR WASH IS CLOSED DOWN IT'D BE A LOT OF JOBS LOST, A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO AND IT'D BE VERY SAD. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE CAR WASH. THERE'S BEEN A WHOLE LOT OF FALSE ALLEGATIONS AS FAR AS DRUGS, THIS, THAT. YOU GUYS DID THE RESEARCH AND YOU COME BACK TO FIND OUT THAT IT'S ALL HEARSAY. THEY HAVE NO FACTS SUPPORTING NONE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THEY'RE SAYING, SO IT'S JUST A LOT OF HEARSAY. I THOUGHT THAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO WORK TOGETHER AS FAR AS BUILDING COMMUNITIES, BRINGING JOBS TO THE COMMUNITY, NOT TEARING BUSINESSES DOWN, PUTTING PEOPLE OUT OF BUSINESS, YOU KNOW. WE ARE HERE TO HELP PEOPLE THAT OTHER PEOPLE COULD GO PLACES THAT WOULDN'T HAVE A JOB BUT THEY CAN COME TO THE CAR WASH AND WORK. SO I'M IN FAVOR OF THE CAR WASH--

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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WHAT DO YOU DO THERE?

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**LA DELL KING:** I'M THE MANAGER.

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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE THE MANAGER?

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**LA DELL KING:** EXACTLY.

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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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4 **LA DELL KING:** ALL RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WOULD HATTIE PARRIS COME  
7 FORWARD, STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

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9 **KATRINA WILLIAMS:** ALL RIGHT, MY NAME'S KATRINA WILLIAMS. I'M  
10 IN FAVOR OF THE CAR WASH BECAUSE I'VE BEEN GOING THERE SINCE--  
11 FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS TO GET MY CAR WASHED AND I HAVE NEVER  
12 HAD A PROBLEM STOPPING IN THE STREET TO BLOCK TRAFFIC, I'VE  
13 NEVER SEEN NO TRASH OR ANYTHING AND THE WAY IT'S SET UP, TRASH  
14 CANNOT GO INTO ANYONE'S YARD, FOR ONE THING. AND THEY DO KEEP  
15 PEOPLE EMPLOYED. LIKE MY HUSBAND, FOR INSTANCE, WAS LAID OFF,  
16 YOU KNOW, UNJUSTLY AND HE HAD TO WORK THERE FOR A WHILE, YOU  
17 KNOW, AND THEY ALLOWED HIM TO COME THERE, THEY ALLOWED MY  
18 DAUGHTER TO COME WORK THERE, YOU KNOW, AND THEY KEEP THINGS,  
19 YOU KNOW, KEEP THINGS GOING SMOOTHLY. I REMEMBER PASSING BY  
20 THAT CAR WASH OVER AND OVER WHEN IT WAS CLOSED UP AND I'M  
21 LIKE, MAN, WHAT A WASTE OF THE CAR WASH. NOW IT'S BEEN UP AND  
22 RUNNING. AND I DON'T SEE NO PROBLEM AND NO TROUBLE OVER THERE  
23 EVER AND I'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS CAR WASH FOR THREE YEARS  
24 AND I'VE RECENTLY STARTED WORKING THERE LIKE THE LAST TWO  
25 WEEKS AND I DON'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG AND NO TROUBLE AND I



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1 DON'T HEAR A LOT OF NOISE AND I'M RIGHT THERE INSIDE THE CAR  
2 WASH BUILDINGS AND I DON'T HEAR THE VACUUMS OR ANYTHING LIKE  
3 THAT. BUT IT'S ALL THIS TROUBLE AROUND THE CAR WASH. I CAN'T  
4 UNDERSTAND WHY. IT'S JUST A GOOD, RUNNING BUSINESS FOR THE  
5 COMMUNITY.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **KATRINA WILLIAM:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD GREG WASHINGTON ALSO COME UP? PLEASE  
12 STATE YOUR NAME.

13

14 **HATTIE PARRIS:** MY NAME IS HATTIE PARRIS, I'M THE MOTHER OF  
15 CHARLES PARRIS AND HE'S PART OWNER IN THE CAR WASH AND THAT'S  
16 WHY I GO SOMETIMES AND WORK AND I WISH THEY WOULD LEAVE THE  
17 CAR WASH ALONE BECAUSE I GOES DOWN AND WORK EVERY SO OFTEN, I  
18 CAN'T WORK EVERY DAY BECAUSE I'M OLD AND I HAVE ARTHRITIS AND  
19 I CAN'T WORK EVERY DAY BUT I WORK A LOT OF DAYS TO RELEASE  
20 MRS. KING. AND WHILES I'M DOWN THERE I DON'T SEE ANYTHING  
21 GOING WRONG SO MAINLY LOOK LIKE EVERYBODY ENJOY IT, EVERYBODY  
22 COME BY. THEY SIT DOWN UNTIL THEY GET THEIR CAR WASHED OR  
23 WHOEVER THEY'RE GETTING DID IT TO, AND THEN EVERYBODY LEAVE  
24 BUT EVERYBODY SAY THEY ENJOY IT. SO I MEAN I DON'T SEE  
25 ANYTHING WRONG AND I WISH THEY WOULD LEAVE IT OPEN 'CAUSE MY



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1 SON IS OVER IN AFGHANISTAN FIGHTING AND I WISH THEY WOULD  
2 LEAVE IT OPEN UNTIL AT LEAST HE COMES HOME, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M  
3 SAYING.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
6 COULD WE HAVE THE-- HEAR FROM THE STAFF IN TERMS OF THE  
7 TRAFFIC, DOES SOMEONE HAVE A COPY OF THE TRAFFIC STUDY AND  
8 ALSO, YES?

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10 **LEONARD ERLANGER:** MADAM CHAIR NO TRAFFIC STUDY WAS CONDUCTED  
11 ON THE SITE BUT STAFF DOES HAVE A RESPONSE TO A FEW OTHER  
12 ISSUES RAISED BY THE APPELLANT. FIRST OF ALL IN REFERENCE TO  
13 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT, STAFF NOTES THAT ON THEIR LETTER  
14 DATED NOVEMBER 6TH, 2002, THE LOCATION OF THE SITE WAS  
15 PRESENTED IN A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR. IT DID REFLECT THE  
16 EXISTING CAR WASH FACILITY AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DID CONFIRM  
17 THAT AT THE SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC HEARING. IN REFERENCE TO NOISE,  
18 IT IS STAFF'S EXPERIENCE THAT REGARDLESS OF A NOISE STUDY WE  
19 DID RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT COMPLAINTS ABOUT NOISE. AND THAT HAS  
20 BEEN THAT CASE WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER CASES THAT WE HAVE  
21 REVIEWED.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT THERE  
24 WAS A TYPO IN THE ADDRESS?

25



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1   **LEONARD ERLANGER:** YES, IN THE ADDRESS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2   REPORT. THAT REPORT DID REFLECT ISSUES ON THE SUBJECT CAR  
3   WASH.

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5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, BUT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT-- THEY  
6   REVIEWED IT AS A CAR WASH OR DID THEY SAY IT WAS A TWO-STORY?

7

8   **LEONARD ERLANGER:** NO WHAT THE APPELLANT'S REPRESENTATIVE  
9   CLAIMED IS THAT THE REPORT FOCUSED ON AN ADJACENT BUILDING  
10   RATHER THAN THE CAR WASH. THE REPORT WAS ACTUALLY ON THE CAR  
11   WASH FACILITY.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE. BUT DID THEY REFER TO A TWO-STORY  
14   BUILDING IN IT?

15

16   **LEONARD ERLANGER:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

17

18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THAT IT HAD TO BE  
19   THE WRONG ONE BECAUSE IT SAID A TWO-STORY BUILDING.

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21   **LEONARD ERLANGER:** NO. THIS REPORT WAS ABOUT THE CAR WASH.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WAS ON THE CAR WASH?

24

25   **LEONARD ERLANGER:** YES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING  
3 FURTHER? CAN WE HEAR FROM PUBLIC WORKS? [ INAUDIBLE ]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN BRING IT UP AND-- IS PUBLIC WORKS  
6 HERE?

7

8 **DENNIS HUNTER:** MY NAME'S DENNIS HUNTER, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER  
9 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. WITH REGARDS TO THE  
10 QUEUING OF TRAFFIC ENTERING THE SITE, IF ALL OF THE HAND WASH  
11 BAYS UNDERNEATH THE CARPORT WERE FILLED UP THERE'D ONLY BE  
12 ABOUT ROOM FOR ABOUT TWO CARS TO QUEUE COMING IN OFF  
13 HEATHERDALE AND THERE WOULD BE THE POTENTIAL FOR VEHICLES  
14 BACKING OUT INTO THE PUBLIC ROADWAY AND POTENTIALLY BLOCKING  
15 TRAFFIC.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE MORE THAN ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
18 INSPECTION?

19

20 **DENNIS HUNTER:** THE REPORT WE HAVE ON OUR FILES IS DATED  
21 NOVEMBER 6TH, 2002 AND THIS WAS SUBJECT TO FURTHER COMMENT AT  
22 THE SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC HEARING.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH THIS IS A DIFFERENT ONE, I THINK HE--  
2   DID HE RECEIVE A COPY OF THAT NOVEMBER REPORT? THE ONE HE HAS  
3   IS JUNE. [ MIXED VOICES ]

4

5   **DENNIS HUNTER:** THE REPORT SUBMITTED TO YOU DATED JUNE 15TH,  
6   '02 WAS A PRELIMINARY REPORT DONE PRIOR TO THE FIRST PUBLIC  
7   HEARING. WHAT WE PRESENTED TO YOU THIS MORNING IN OUR REPORT  
8   WAS A SUBSEQUENT REPORT DONE IN RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED BY  
9   THE COMMUNITY, WERE DONE BY THE COUNTY FIRE. SO WHAT YOU HAVE--  
10  - WHAT WAS GIVEN TO YOU IS A PRELIMINARY REPORT.

11

12  **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND DO YOU HAVE THE OTHER--

13

14  **DENNIS HUNTER:** THE MORE CURRENT REPORT, WHICH WAS DONE IN  
15  NOVEMBER, AROUND THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WAS A MORE  
16  UP-TO-DATE REPORT THAT REFLECTED CURRENT ISSUES ON THE SITE.

17

18  **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND IT SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE CAR  
19  WASH?

20

21  **DENNIS HUNTER:** IT WAS JUST REFERRED TO AS THE-- BY THE  
22  ADDRESS. BUT AS I STATED EARLIER, THAT ADDRESS WAS A  
23  TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR. THAT WAS RESOLVED AND CORRECTED AT THE  
24  SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC HEARING.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT I'M ASKING YOU-- COULD I SEE A COPY OF  
2   IT?

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4   **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES.

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 'CAUSE HE-- THEY'RE SAYING THAT THEY LOOKED  
7   AT THE WRONG PLACE. AND IT REFERS TO A BEAUTY SALON AND  
8   SOMETHING.

9

10   **DENNIS HUNTER:** I WISH TO NOTE THERE IS A BEAUTY SALON INSIDE  
11   THE CAR WASH BUILDING.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT CORRECT THEN-- SO IT'S INSIDE THE  
14   CAR WASH? [ INAUDIBLE ].

15

16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT THE SAME OWNER? [ INAUDIBLE ].

17

18   **DENNIS HUNTER:** AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING  
19   DID CONFIRM THAT THEY DID A SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION AFTER THIS  
20   LETTER WAS ISSUED AND THAT THIS LETTER DID REFLECT VIOLATIONS  
21   THAT WERE OCCURRING IN THE CAR WASH BUILDING AND THAT THERE IS  
22   A BEAUTY SALON WITHIN THE CAR WASH BUILDING ITSELF, NOT THE  
23   ADJACENT OFFICE BUILDING.

24

25   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT OWNED BY THE SAME PARTY?



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2 **DENNIS HUNTER:** IT'S WITHIN THE SAME BUILDING SO THE WHOLE  
3 PROPERTY IS OWNED BY THE SAME PARTY.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD THE ATTORNEY COME BACK UP JUST A  
6 SECOND? I THINK WHAT WE'LL DO IS JUST CONTINUE THIS FOR A  
7 WEEK, OR FOR HOW LONG-- LET'S CONTINUE IT FOR 30 DAYS SO WE  
8 CAN GET-- IDENTIFY EXACTLY-- WE'LL CONTINUE IT FOR 30 DAYS TO  
9 CLARIFY THESE ISSUES. ALL RIGHT WITHOUT OBJECTION THEN I MOVE  
10 THAT WE CONTINUE IT FOR 30 DAYS, SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT  
11 OBJECTION. WE'LL COME BACK IN 30 DAYS AND REVIEW ALL OF THESE,  
12 WE'LL REVIEW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REVIEW-- REPORT. THANK YOU,  
13 SIR, THAT'S-- THANK YOU, SIR.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE IT FOR 30 DAYS.  
18 OKAY.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT WOULD BE SEPTEMBER 23RD.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HUM? SEPTEMBER 23RD. ALL RIGHT WE HAVE A  
23 SET ITEM AT 11:00. SIR, WE'RE CONTINUING IT TO SEPTEMBER 23RD.  
24 WE HAVE A SET ITEM AT 11:00 AND I KNOW WE HAVE SOME OTHER  
25 PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME. COULD WE ASK--.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD WE CALL UP ITEM 34?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'LL CALL UP 34 AND THEN WE'LL CALL  
5 THE 11:00 SET ITEM. WE HAVE A LOT OF SPEAKERS FOR 34. YOU  
6 KNOW, YOU KNOW WHAT WE ONLY HAVE-- WE ONLY HAVE ONE MORE ITEM  
7 THAT'S IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND THEN YOU'RE UP NEXT. ON ITEM  
8 NUMBER 11 I THINK JUST-- COULD WE HAVE STAFF COME FORWARD?

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 11 MADAM CHAIR, JUST TO  
11 READ IT INTO THE RECORD, COMBINED HEARING ON ZONE CHANGE AND  
12 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER 022182 AND TENTATIVE MAP  
13 NUMBER 539372 RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CARSON ZONE  
14 DISTRICT PETITION BY J.C.C. HOMES.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, STAFF?

17

18 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS, I'M ELLEN  
19 FITZGERALD, PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT WITH THE  
20 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ZONE CHANGE CASE NUMBER 02218  
21 AND THE ASSOCIATED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT INVESTING TRACT MAP  
22 53937 ARE REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE A 112-UNIT DETACHED  
23 CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT. THE 9.3 ACRE SITE IS PRESENTLY ZONED  
24 AND M.P.D. WHICH IS INDUSTRIAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT. THE SITE WAS  
25 PREVIOUSLY USED FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND



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1 MANUFACTURING USES CONSISTENT WITH THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING. THE  
2 PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO OTHER INDUSTRIAL USES TO  
3 THE NORTH, THE RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME PARK TO THE SOUTH AND A  
4 NEIGHBORHOOD OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES ADJOINS THE SITE TO  
5 THE EAST. THE PROPOSED R2DP ZONING WOULD ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF  
6 THIS SITE WITH 112 CONDOMINIUM UNITS, DESIGNED IN A TOWNHOUSE-  
7 TYPE DESIGN CONSISTING OF TWO AND THREE STORY BUILDINGS  
8 RANGING IN SIZE FROM 2,353 SQUARE FEET TO 2,853 SQUARE FEET,  
9 WITH FOUR TO FIVE BEDROOMS, ATTACHED GARAGES, AND INDIVIDUAL  
10 FRONT SIDE AND REAR YARDS GENERALLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH SINGLE-  
11 FAMILY RESIDENCE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. THE PROJECT DENSITY  
12 WAS DETERMINED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
13 GENERAL PLAN'S LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION UNDER THE  
14 PLAN'S IN FIELD PROVISIONS. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
15 CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROJECT ORIGINALLY ON MARCH  
16 19TH, 2003. VOTED TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL BUT IT WAS  
17 DISCOVERED THAT SOIL CONTAMINATION HAD BEEN DETECTED ON THE  
18 PROPERTY AND THE COMMISSION RESCINDED ITS ACTION AND RETURNED  
19 THE PROJECT TO STAFF FOR REVISION AND RECIRCULATION OF THE  
20 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION TO REFLECT THE EXISTENCE OF THE  
21 ON-SITE SOIL CONTAMINATION AND TO ALLOW INCORPORATION OF  
22 MITIGATION MEASURES TO REDUCE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO LESSEN  
23 SIGNIFICANT LEVELS. ON JULY 2ND, 2003 THE COMMISSION CONDUCTED  
24 A NEW PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROJECT AND REVISED NEGATIVE  
25 DECLARATION AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PROJECT'S APPLICANT



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1 AND REPRESENTATIVES, THE STAFF HEARD NO TESTIMONY FROM THE  
2 PUBLIC. THE STAFF HAD RECEIVED CALLS FROM NEIGHBORS CONCERNED  
3 ABOUT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON SATURDAYS. JULY 9TH, 2003 THE  
4 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE  
5 PROJECT AND ITS NEGATIVE DECLARATION WITH THE INCLUSION OF  
6 MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM CONDITIONS FOR COMPLETE  
7 REMEDIATION OF THE SOIL'S-- FOR THE SITE'S CONTAMINATED SOIL.  
8 I HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL ITEMS I'D LIKE TO ADD, WHICH IS THAT  
9 PERMITS TO ALLOW THE WORK UNDER REMEDIATION OF THE  
10 CONTAMINATED SOIL HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
11 WORKS. AND STAFF UNDERSTANDS THAT SUCH WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN.  
12 HOWEVER, NO PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY RELATED  
13 EXCLUSIVELY TO THE PENDING CONDOMINIUM PROJECT HAVE BEEN  
14 ISSUED. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE ASKING TO  
17 SPEAK AND I BELIEVE THEY'RE BOTH FROM THE COMPANY IN FAVOR OF  
18 IT. MR. MOSS AND MR. DELGADO. ALL RIGHT THEN IF THERE'S NO  
19 FURTHER TESTIMONY OR ANYONE ELSE ASKING TO SPEAK I MOVE THAT  
20 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, INDICATE  
21 ITS ATTEMPT TO APPROVE THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ZONE  
22 CHANGE OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER 02218 IN THE  
23 SECOND DISTRICT INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NUMBER 53937 AND  
24 DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL ORDINANCE AND



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1 FINDING AND CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU KINDLY.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES THE HEARING MATTERS.  
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU'RE UP FIRST.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YES THANK YOU--

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THERE'S A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED  
12 TO SPEAK ON--

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR FIRST OF ALL I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
15 MEMORY OF ARTHUR ADAMSON, DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH SCIENTIST AND  
16 EDUCATOR. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN HIS COMMUNITY AND CHURCH IN  
17 PALOS VERDES ESTATE, HE WAS AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE PALOS  
18 VERDES TENNIS CLUB, HE'S SURVIVED BY WIFE OF 61 YEARS  
19 VIRGINIA, THREE DAUGHTERS, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT  
20 GRANDCHILDREN. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OF BRIAN  
21 JOSEPH ZIENTEK, A 28-YEAR VETERAN EXECUTIVE IN THE GARMENT  
22 INDUSTRY, HE'S SURVIVED BY WIFE GERALDINE, AND HIS TWO SONS  
23 ADAM AND NEIL AND MANY, MANY FRIENDS. MADAM CHAIR, THEN OKAY,  
24 ARE YOU GOING-- OKAY I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 34. WE  
25 HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD ASK GUY HOCKER,



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1 GARY PARSONS, THE HONORABLE GARY PARSONS AND THE HONORABLE  
2 KELLY MCDOWELL, IF THEY'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE. MR. HOCKER GO  
3 AHEAD, PLEASE.

4

5 **GUY HOCKER:** OH THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY  
6 NAME IS GUY HOCKER. I LIVE IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE. I AM HERE  
7 TO SPEAK AGAINST THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT THAT'S BEING BROUGHT  
8 FORTH AT THIS TIME. AND THE REASON IS THAT I'VE PREPARED  
9 SOMETHING THAT I HOPE YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU, WHICH IS A  
10 DOCUMENT THAT LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT WE HAVE THE HANDOUT, THANK YOU FOR THAT.

13

14 **GUY HOCKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT SOME  
15 WEEKS AGO IN OUR CITY WE HAD A PUBLIC HEARINGS AND WE HAD MANY  
16 PEOPLE COME FORTH AND MANY, MANY PEOPLE ARE AGAINST THIS  
17 PROJECT. HOWEVER IT MOVES FORWARD BECAUSE YOU SEE THERE IS NO  
18 OBJECTION TO IT FROM ANYBODY ELSE WITHIN THE ENTIRE SOUTH BAY  
19 AND I CAN CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND WHY AND YOU CAN SEE WHY, WHEN  
20 YOU LOOK AT THE FACT THAT THE ONLY PERSONS THAT ARE GOING TO  
21 BE AFFECTED FINANCIALLY IS THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE. OUR CITY  
22 WILL BE SUBJECTED TO HAVING A OVERBURDEN OF OVER 750 HOMES, WE  
23 WILL BE SUBJECTED TO CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL-- THE FINANCING OF  
24 IT WILL BE PLEDGED FOR 30 YEARS. BESIDES THE FACT THAT NO  
25 OTHER CITY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY WILL BE AFFECTED OTHER THAN



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1 US, YOU CAN CERTAINLY SEE WHY THE GENTLEMAN SITTING NEXT TO  
2 ME, MR. MCDOWELL, I MEAN IF I WERE HE, I WOULD BE THRILLED  
3 ABOUT IT BECAUSE HE IS FROM EL SEGUNDO AND OF COURSE IT COSTS  
4 THEM NOTHING, BUT NOR DOES IT COST ANY OTHER CITY THAT I'VE  
5 PUT ON THIS LIST HERE. BESIDES JUST THAT, THOUGH, WHICH IS A  
6 \$24 MILLION INITIAL OUTLAY, WE MUST ADD ANOTHER 156 UNITS TO  
7 THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR ANOTHER TOTAL OF 1200-- \$12 MILLION,  
8 AND THAT'S ONLY IF SOMEBODY CAN FIND SOME LAND SOMEWHERE FOR  
9 FREE. BUT ON TOP OF THAT WHICH HAS NOT PRESENTED ITSELF TO  
10 ANYBODY YET IS HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO HAVE 3,500 PEOPLE IN OUR  
11 CITY WITH NO INCOME. AND SO FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS, SINCE OUR  
12 INCOME WILL BE PLEDGED, IT WILL COST OUR CITY \$1,180,000 PER  
13 YEAR TO SUPPORT THESE NEW RESIDENTS. THEY PAY NO PROPERTY  
14 TAXES AND THIS IS THE NET NUMBER THAT IT WILL COST US. THE  
15 ANSWER TO THIS, OF COURSE, IS THAT THEY HAVE ASKED US AS  
16 CITIZENS OF HAWTHORNE TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIR  
17 FORCE BASE, AND QUITE FRANKLY, I FIND THAT-- I FIND IT UN-  
18 AMERICAN. NOW, BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT  
19 THAT'S LIKE HOW CAN THAT BE POSSIBLE. WELL, THE BOTTOM LINE IS  
20 THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I ELECT MY CONGRESS PEOPLE  
21 AND I ELECT MY SENATORS AND THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE SUPPOSED  
22 TO PLEDGE THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR BASES  
23 SUCH AS THIS. THE SCARE TACTICS THAT BROUGHT THIS TO OUR  
24 ATTENTION HAVE SIMPLY FOCUSED ON THE FACT THAT THAT BASE IS  
25 GOING TO CLOSE AND SOMEONE HAS TO PAY FOR IT. I'D LIKE TO



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1 BRING QUICKLY TO A HEAD HERE, THERE ARE TWO CITIES INVOLVED.  
2 EL SEGUNDO WITH FIVE COUNCIL PEOPLE AND THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE  
3 WITH FIVE COUNCIL PEOPLE AND OF COURSE NOW WE HAVE POLITICAL  
4 PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING THE BEST THINGS DONE AND  
5 IF I WERE LIVING IN EL SEGUNDO I WOULD BE RIGHT HERE SAYING  
6 "PLEASE DO THIS, IT'S TERRIFIC." BUT UNFORTUNATELY IN THE CITY  
7 OF HAWTHORNE WE HAD THE VOTE AND TWO MEMBERS OF OUR COUNCIL  
8 WERE EXCLUDE BECAUSE OF THEIR-- BECAUSE OF WHERE THEY WERE IN  
9 THE PROJECT. BESIDES THAT, WE HAVE A FIVE-MEMBER PLANNING  
10 COMMISSION THAT HEARD THIS PROJECT AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE  
11 PLANNING COMMISSION WERE RECLUDED BECAUSE OF THAT. SO WE HAD A  
12 THREE-MEMBER PLANNING COMMISSION AND A THREE-MEMBER CITY  
13 COUNCIL ACTING ON THIS. THE IDEA WAS THAT WHEN QUESTIONS ARE  
14 ASKED AS TO HOW MUCH MONEY THIS IS GOING TO COST OUR CITIZENS,  
15 I BELIEVE WE WERE NOT PROPERLY GIVEN THE NECESSARY INFORMATION  
16 TO COME UP WITH A JUST ANSWER AND I SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THERE  
17 ARE OTHER ANSWERS AND THAT OTHER ANSWER IS TO HAVE THE AIR  
18 FORCE SIMPLY BUILD WHAT IT WANTS TO BUILD, SELL PROPERTY TO  
19 WHOMEVER WANTS TO BUY IT A YEAR AND A HALF OR THREE YEARS FROM  
20 NOW, GET THE NECESSARY ENTITLEMENTS TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT  
21 TO THEN AND NOT HOLD A GUN TO OUR HEAD TO SAY IF YOU DON'T DO  
22 IT NOW, THE AIR FORCE IS GOING TO CLOSE. I FIND THAT AN  
23 IMPROPER WAY TO RUN A CITY, I FIND THAT AN IMPROPER WAY TO TRY  
24 TO GET MONEY OUT OF OUR CITY AND CERTAINLY IT'LL TAKE MONEY  
25 FROM YOUR WELFARE RECIPIENTS, IT'LL TAKE MONEY FROM YOUR



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1 HOSPITALS, IT'LL TAKE MONEY FROM YOUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
2 ALL BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PAYING FOR THIS  
3 BUT IT'S NOT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. HOCKER, AND ASK COLONEL  
6 KISTNER TO COME FORWARD AND MR. PARSONS AND MR. MCDOWELL,  
7 EITHER ONE.

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9 **GARY PARSONS:** MY NAME'S GARY PARSONS, COUNCIL MEMBER OF CITY  
10 OF HAWTHORNE. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 34 BEFORE YOU. WE  
11 ALL WANT TO SAVE THE AIR FORCE BASE. IT'S A MAJOR JOB  
12 GENERATOR. GENERATES OVER 7,000 DIRECT JOBS AND TENS OF  
13 THOUSANDS OF INDIRECT JOBS. WE ALL KNOW THAT CALIFORNIA'S NOT  
14 JOB-FRIENDLY AND THAT JOBS ARE LEAVING THE STATE IN DROVES, SO  
15 I FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO SAVE A MAJOR  
16 EMPLOYER IN OUR AREA. WHEN EL SEGUNDO FIRST PROPOSED TO BUILD  
17 A MAJOR SHOPPING CENTER ON THE OLD AIR FORCE LAND AGAIN, WE  
18 ALL WANTED TO SAVE THE AIR FORCE BASE, THE TRAFFIC WOULD BE  
19 HORRENDOUS FROM THE SHOPPING CENTER. THE E.I.R. SAW 23,000 NEW  
20 TRIPS BEING GENERATED, THERE'D BE MAJOR HITS TO OUR AIR  
21 QUALITY, AESTHETICS, HUGE FREEWAY SIGNS ADVERTISING THE  
22 CENTER. THE COMMUNITY UPROSE AND SAID NO AND WROTE LOTS OF  
23 LETTERS. THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE CAME BACK TO EL SEGUNDO AND  
24 SAID WHY DON'T YOU ANNEX THAT LAND TO HAWTHORNE, WE'LL ADD IT  
25 TO OUR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND THEN WE'LL PLEDGE THE



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1 PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT TO MODERNIZING THE AIR FORCE BASE.  
2 AFTER TWO MONTHS NEGOTIATION EL SEGUNDO SAID, YES, WE WANT TO  
3 PARTNER WITH YOU ON THAT. AND THAT'S BEEN ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS  
4 AGO. THERE'S THREE POINTS I WANT TO MAKE: POINT ONE, AGAIN, WE  
5 NEED TO KEEP MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN OUR REGION. THE AIR FORCE BASE  
6 DIRECTLY EMPLOYS OVER 7,000 EMPLOYEES WHEN YOU COUNT AEROSPACE  
7 CORPORATION; POINT TWO, WE'RE GOING TO BUILD OVER 1,000 UNITS  
8 OF MARKET RATE HOUSING. EVERYBODY KNOWS WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF  
9 HOUSING IN L.A. COUNTY, THE SOUTH BAY IN PARTICULAR IS VERY,  
10 VERY JOB RICH, HOUSING POOR. I READ A STATISTIC THAT SAID I  
11 THINK IT WAS 55 OR 65% OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE SOUTH BAY  
12 COMMUTE IN, THEY DON'T LIVE IN THE SOUTH BAY. I THINK BY  
13 PROVIDING OVER 1,000 UNITS OF LOCAL HOUSING WE MIGHT HAVE A  
14 POSITIVE EFFECT ON OUR GRIDLOCKED FREEWAYS. MY LAST POINT,  
15 BECAUSE WE ARE PUTTING THE HOUSING IN A REDEVELOPMENT ZONE  
16 WE'RE GOING TO BE BUILDING 180 AFFORDABLE UNITS FOR ALL INCOME  
17 LEVELS, AND AGAIN, I THINK YOU'LL AGREE THAT WE NEED HOUSING  
18 THAT ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN, I'M TALKING  
19 ABOUT QUALITY HOUSING HERE. THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO HAS WORKED  
20 VERY CLOSELY WITH HAWTHORNE, THE L.A. AIR FORCE BASE, AND  
21 LOCAL HOMEOWNERS GROUP TO PUT TOGETHER A REALLY NICE PROJECT  
22 THAT SEEMS TO MEET MOST OF THE NEEDS OF THOSE DIVERSE GROUPS  
23 THERE. I'M PROUD TO BE PART OF THAT TEAM. I THINK IT'S GOOD  
24 GOVERNMENT WHEN YOU KEEP A MAJOR EMPLOYER AND PUT TOGETHER A  
25 PROJECT LIKE THIS. AND I URGE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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4 **KELLY MCDOWELL:** MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
5 I'M COUNCILMAN KELLY MCDOWELL FROM EL SEGUNDO. THIS ITEM IS AN  
6 IMPORTANT LYNCHPIN TO THE MODERNIZATION OF THIS BASE, AND AS  
7 THE C.A.O.'S REPORT POINTS OUT WE'RE FACING A NEW SET OF  
8 FEDERAL BASE CLOSINGS STARTING THIS YEAR AND L.A. AIR FORCE  
9 BASE IS AT THE TOP OF THAT LIST. IF IT'S NOT MODERNIZED WE  
10 STRONGLY BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO BE CLOSED. AS COLONEL KISTNER  
11 WILL POINT OUT IN HIS REMARKS, THE FACILITIES AT THE BASE ARE  
12 OUTDATED AND UNSAFE. THAT'S WHY EL SEGUNDO, HAWTHORNE, THE  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS  
14 HAVE ALL BEEN WORKING OVERTIME DURING THE LAST YEAR TO GET  
15 WHERE WE ARE TODAY. ACCORDING TO THE L.A. COUNTY ECONOMIC  
16 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION THE BASE CURRENTLY GENERATES 65,000  
17 JOBS AND AN ANNUAL PAYROLL OF OVER \$3.3 BILLION IN LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY. THESE ARE REAL PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS ARE  
19 TIED TO MODERNIZING THIS BASE, KEEPING IT HERE AND KEEPING  
20 THOSE JOBS HERE. AND THESE PEOPLE MAY WORK IN THE SOUTH BAY  
21 BUT THEY LIVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. TAKE FOR EXAMPLE NORTHROP  
22 GRUMMAN WHICH HAS FACILITIES ALL OVER THE SOUTH BAY AND EL  
23 SEGUNDO AND HAWTHORNE AND REDONDO BEACH, AND WHILE MANY PEOPLE  
24 WHO WORK IN THESE SOUTH BAY LOCATIONS LIVE IN THE FOURTH  
25 DISTRICT, MANY DON'T AND THEY RESIDE ALL OVER THE COUNTY.



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1 NORTHROP HAS OVER 1,100 EMPLOYEES IN THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL  
2 DISTRICT, MORE THAN 1,700 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, MORE THAN  
3 2,500 IN THE THIRD DISTRICT AND APPROXIMATELY 1,200 IN THE  
4 FIFTH DISTRICT. SO THE MODERNIZATION OF THIS BASE IS NOT JUST  
5 A SOUTH BAY ISSUE IT'S A COUNTYWIDE ISSUE OF IMPORTANCE TO US  
6 ALL. WE BELIEVE THE C.A.O.'S REPORT DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB OF  
7 LAYING OUT THE JUSTIFICATIONS FOR RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF  
8 THIS ITEM, AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO I  
9 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THE ITEM BEFORE YOU  
10 TODAY, THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COLONEL.

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14 **COLONEL BRIAN KISTNER:** YES, MA'AM, COMMISSIONERS, I'M COLONEL  
15 BRIAN KISTNER, I'M THE BASE COMMANDER FOR LOS ANGELES AIR  
16 FORCE BASE, AND YOUR LAST ACTIVE MILITARY BASE IN LOS ANGELES  
17 COUNTY. LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IS HOME TO SPACE AND  
18 MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER, WHICH IS THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR  
19 ALL SPACE AND MISSILE ASSETS FOR THE UNITED STATES. WE'RE  
20 CHARTERED WITH PROVIDING THE SATELLITES THAT SUPPORT ALL OF  
21 OUR OPERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD IN TERMS OF INTELLIGENCE AND  
22 MILITARY OPERATIONS. I THINK IF YOU WATCH TV AND WATCHED IRAQI  
23 FREEDOM OR ANY OF OUR RECENT OPERATIONS, THAT WOULDN'T BE  
24 POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE FINE WORK OF THE PEOPLE AT THE SPACE AND  
25 MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER. THIS IS YOUR AIR FORCE BASE AND WE DO



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1 GREAT WORK IN TRACKING TERRORISTS AND AL QAEDA AND DIRECTING  
2 PRECISION-GUIDED MUNITIONS ON THE BATTLEFIELD. IT'S ALL DONE  
3 AS A RESULT OF THE SATELLITES THAT ARE LAUNCHED FROM HERE. SO  
4 REMARKABLE MISSION. WHAT I WANT TO TELL YOU TODAY IS I'M  
5 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING A SAFE, DESCENT WORKING ENVIRONMENT  
6 FOR THE PEOPLE AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. AND RIGHT NOW  
7 THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE. WE HAVE FACILITIES THAT ARE FALLING DOWN  
8 AROUND OUR FEET. THEY AREN'T SEISMICALLY SOUND. MANY OF THEM  
9 DON'T EVEN HAVE FIRE SUPPRESSION. SO WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO  
10 AND APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE  
11 CITY OF EL SEGUNDO AND ALSO THE COUNTY IN TRYING TO MAKE IT  
12 POSSIBLE FOR US TO UPGRADE AND MODERNIZE L.A. AIR FORCE BASE.  
13 WE FEEL IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR OPERATION. WE REALLY  
14 APPRECIATE ALL OF EVERYBODY'S EFFORTS AND WE THINK WHAT THE  
15 CITY OF EL SEGUNDO AND HAWTHORNE HAVE DONE IS JUST REMARKABLE,  
16 THE WAY THEY PULL TOGETHER IN SUPPORT. WHAT I GOT TO POINT OUT  
17 TO YOU IS, OUR ESTIMATION WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY MILITARY  
18 CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS TO REBUILD L.A. AIR FORCE BASE, NOT IN  
19 THE NEAR FUTURE. I HAPPEN TO WORK AS A LEGISLATIVE LIAISON  
20 PERSON THE LAST FEW YEARS AND THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION  
21 DOLLARS KEEP MOVING TO THE RIGHT. IT'S A TARGET THAT WE KEEP  
22 CHASING, AND IT KEEPS MOVING TO THE RIGHT. EVERY YEAR THE  
23 DOLLARS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE TO DO MORE MILITARY  
24 CONSTRUCTION BUT DUE TO COMPETING PRIORITIES WHICH ARE  
25 UNDERSTANDABLE, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAKE OF 9/11 AND SOME OF THE



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1 CURRENT OPERATIONS LIKE IRAQI FREEDOM, THE MILITARY  
2 CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS JUST AREN'T THERE TO UNDERTAKE A HUGE  
3 REBUILDING AND MODERNIZATION EFFORT LIKE WE HAVE HERE AT LOS  
4 ANGELES. THANKS TO SPECIAL LEGISLATION WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
5 TO TRADE LAND FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION. THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED AND  
6 IT'S, YOU KNOW, TO ME, AS A BASE COMMANDER, IT'S VERY EXCITING  
7 AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MODERNIZE THE AIR FORCE BASE  
8 USING THE SPECIAL LEGISLATION. WE DID HAVE SOME-- WE'VE HAD  
9 SOME RECENT CONSTRUCTION AT THE BASE BUT THOSE WERE PROJECTS  
10 THAT WERE-- MR. HOCKER TALKED ABOUT MAYBE WE COULD USE THE  
11 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION DOLLARS, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THOSE DOLLARS  
12 AND WE DON'T SEE THEM COMING DOWN THE PIPE. WE JUST HAVE SOME  
13 PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED THAT WE'RE WORKING ON BUT  
14 THOSE PROJECTS WERE APPROVED SOME THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO, AND  
15 THEY WERE ALREADY APPROVED AND, LIKE I SAID, THOSE WERE  
16 PRE9/11, PRE-IRAQI FREEDOM, PRE-MANY OF THESE COMPETING  
17 PRIORITIES. WE DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN. IT  
18 TOOK ONE OF OUR MAJOR COMMANDERS TO MAKE IT HIS NUMBER ONE  
19 PRIORITY FOR THE ENTIRE COMMAND IN ORDER FOR THIS TO GET  
20 APPROVED AND WE DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN.  
21 AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND I  
22 APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S EFFORTS. WE'RE HAPPY TO  
23 BE IN THE SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS  
24 SUPPORT, THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF  
2   PEOPLE HERE WHO I BELIEVE ARE IN FAVOR. IF I ASK THEM TO  
3   STAND, IF THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO JUST BEING RECOGNIZED  
4   WITHOUT SPEAKING, KIMBERLY KRANTZ, MARK DAY, JANICE DUNN,  
5   GEORGE TORRES. DO YOU-- ARE YOU WILLING TO JUST BE RECORDED  
6   WITHOUT MAKING A STATEMENT? YOU'RE ALL IN FAVOR? ALL RIGHT,  
7   THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE KYLE ORLEMANN WHO, I'M NOT SURE  
8   WHAT HIS POSITION IS, HER POSITION, YOU'RE-- ARE YOU IN FAVOR--  
9   - YOU'RE OPPOSED?

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11   **KYLE ORLEMANN:** YES.

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13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL HEAR FROM YOU AND IF ANY--  
14   COME RIGHT-- COME FORWARD, IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES THAT COME  
15   UP THAT ANYONE WISHES TO REBUT WHO DID NOT SPEAK, THEN WE WILL  
16   RECOGNIZE YOU. WHILE YOU'RE COMING UP, THE SPECIAL ITEM THAT  
17   WAS SET FOR 11:00, WE WILL CONTINUE THAT FOR TWO WEEKS WITHOUT  
18   OBJECTION. YES.

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20   **KYLE ORLEMANN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE  
21   OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU. I'VE ONLY BEEN IN THIS BUILDING  
22   ONE TIME BEFORE AND THAT WAS DURING THE L.A.F.K.A. PROCEEDING  
23   A FEW WEEKS AGO SO THIS IS A COMPLETELY NEW VIEW OF THE  
24   GOVERNMENT THAT I'VE NOT HAD BEFORE AND IT'S VERY MUCH  
25   IMPORTANT TO ME TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS



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1    ISSUE. I THINK THAT ALL OF US ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT WE WANT TO  
2    SAVE THE AIR FORCE BASE, SO I'M NOT GOING TO TRY TO ADDRESS  
3    THAT AT ALL. BUT SOMETIMES I BELIEVE WHEN WE MOVE IN HASTE WE  
4    END UP WITH UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AND I THINK WE'RE VERY  
5    MUCH IN DANGER OF HAVING THAT SITUATION HERE WITH THE PROJECT  
6    AS IT IS CURRENTLY ENVISIONED. MY CONCERN IS THAT THE  
7    SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT HE IS GOING  
8    TO BE MUCH MORE INVOLVED IN THE B.R.A.C. PROCESS THAN HAS BEEN  
9    THE CASE PREVIOUSLY, WHERE IT'S BEEN DONE MORE BY COMMITTEE. I  
10    ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS MADE IT VERY  
11    CLEAR THAT HE INTENDS TO CLOSE OVER 50% OF THE EXISTING BASES  
12    TO CONSOLIDATE AND TO SAVE A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY FOR THE  
13    GOVERNMENT. HE HAS ALSO MADE IT VERY CLEAR, AS HAS COLONEL  
14    ANDERSON IN A NUMBER OF OTHER ARTICLES THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE  
15    PAPER THAT EVEN WITH THIS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT THERE IS  
16    ABSOLUTELY NO GUARANTEE THAT THIS BASE WILL BE SAVED HERE IN  
17    LOS ANGELES IN ITS CURRENT LOCATION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT  
18    I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, IF WE GO AHEAD AND DO THIS PROJECT AND WE  
19    BUILD THESE NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE AIR FORCE BASE, THAT WE MAY  
20    HAVE THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF CREATING AN INCENTIVE TO  
21    CLOSE THE BASE HERE. AND THIS IS WHERE I'M COMING FROM WITH  
22    THIS. IF WE GO AHEAD AND BUILD THESE NEW BUILDINGS AND THEN  
23    B.R.A.C. MEETS, B.R.A.C. MAY VERY WELL DECIDE TO CLOSE THIS  
24    BASE AND MOVE THE L.A. AIR FORCE BASE FUNCTIONS TO COLORADO TO  
25    CONSOLIDATE THEM WITH THE EXISTING FUNCTIONS THAT ARE RELATED



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1 TO THEIR COMMAND. I HAVE BEEN IN THE OFFICE FURNITURE BUSINESS  
2 FOR CLOSE TO 30 YEARS AND I ALSO HAVE VERY EXTENSIVE  
3 REDEVELOPMENT BACKGROUND. AND I HAVE, VERY MUCH TO MY  
4 DISTRESS, LEARNED HOW FAR COLORADO WILL GO TO ATTRACT  
5 CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES. I'VE LOST A NUMBER OF MAJOR CLIENTS  
6 BECAUSE OF THE INCENTIVES THAT COLORADO WILL PRESENT. I  
7 BELIEVE THAT WE COULD POTENTIALLY BE LOOKING AT A SITUATION  
8 WHERE COLORADO WILL PROVIDE THE INCENTIVES TO BUILD NEW  
9 BUILDINGS FOR THE AIR FORCE BASE IN COLORADO, WHICH WOULD  
10 ALLOW THEM TO CONSOLIDATE THERE. AT THAT POINT THE TWO NEW  
11 BUILDINGS THAT WE WILL JUST HAVE SPENT ALL THIS MONEY TO  
12 BUILD, SINCE THEY'RE ON FEDERAL PROPERTY, WOULD REVERT TO THE  
13 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT A DIFFERENT  
14 FEDERAL AGENCY IN THESE BRAND NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART, HIGH-  
15 TECH, FREE BUILDINGS THAT WE'VE ALL JUST TURNED OURSELVES  
16 INSIDE-OUT TO MAKE POSSIBLE. SO WE MAY END UP LOSING THE BASE  
17 BECAUSE THEY'RE GETTING TWO-FOR-NOTHING. AND I THINK THAT  
18 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY.  
19 IF THE L.A. AIR FORCE BASE FUNCTIONS ARE SO CRITICAL WITH  
20 EVERYTHING THAT COLONEL KISTNER JUST SAID, TO REMAIN HERE IN  
21 CALIFORNIA, IT STANDS TO REASON TO ME THAT MILLCON WOULD FIND  
22 THE NECESSARY FUNCTIONS SINCE THIS IS A CRITICAL ORGANIZATION,  
23 THAT THEY WOULD FIND THE NECESSARY FUNCTIONS TO GO AHEAD AND  
24 BUILD THE BASE. AT THAT POINT I AGREE WITH WHAT MR. HOCKER  
25 SAID, THE REMAINING LAND SHOULD BE SOLD AT MARKET VALUE AND WE



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1 WOULD NOT HAVE TO FACE THESE ENCUMBRANCES. MY OTHER CONCERNS  
2 ARE THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE ANY NUMBER OF CONSEQUENCES TO  
3 THIS ACTION IF THIS PROJECT GOES THROUGH AS IT'S CURRENTLY  
4 ENVISIONED. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE DEVELOPER? HE WILL BUILD  
5 THE NEW BUILDINGS AND HE WILL GET HIS MONEY UP FRONT AND HE  
6 WILL MOVE ON. SO HE'S TAKEN CARE OF, OR THEY ARE TAKEN CARE  
7 OF. THE COMMUNITY OF HOLLY GLEN, WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT  
8 TO THE PROPERTY, AND WHICH INCLUDES MY HOME WHICH IS RIGHT  
9 OVER THE BOUNDARY FROM THE AIR FORCE BASE, I'M SEPARATED BY  
10 LITERALLY ONE RAILROAD TRACK FROM THE BASE. HOLLY GLEN IS A  
11 LONG-STANDING COMMUNITY. WE HAVE 220 ACRES IN HOLLY GLEN, WITH  
12 A POPULATION OR A DENSITY OF 1,100 HOMES, SO WE'RE AT FIVE PER  
13 ACRE. OUT OF OUR 1,100 HOMES, MANY OF THE ORIGINAL OWNERS ARE  
14 STILL THERE. IT'S BEEN A LONG-STANDING, WONDERFUL COMMUNITY  
15 THAT WE WANT TO PRESERVE, WHAT HOLLY GLEN GETS OUT OF THIS  
16 PROJECT, IF IT GOES FORWARD AS IT'S ENVISIONED, IS THAT THE  
17 NEW DEVELOPMENT OVER OUR BACK BORDER WILL BE AT FOUR TIMES OUR  
18 DENSITY. WE ARE AT FIVE-PER-ACRE, THEY'RE AT OVER 19-PER-ACRE.  
19 WE HAVE 1,100 FAMILIES, THEY WILL BE ADDING 1,030 FAMILIES. WE  
20 HAVE THREE INGRESS AND THREE EGRESS POINTS TO HOLLY GLEN, WE  
21 WILL BE GRIDLOCKED AS A RESULT OF DOUBLING THE POPULATION OF  
22 OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU WOULD ENVISION DOUBLING INSTANTLY THE  
23 POPULATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CAN YOU IMAGINE THE GRIDLOCK  
24 AND THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND THE OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE  
25 PROBLEMS THAT YOU WOULD HAVE? THAT'S WHAT HOLLY GLEN IS BEING



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1 ASKED TO DEAL WITH. NOW, FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE PRIVACY ISSUES  
2 AND THE HOLLY GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, WHICH SPOKE HERE AT  
3 THE L.A.F.K.A. MEETING AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOLLY GLEN  
4 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION THAT HAS BEEN AN ORGANIZATION THAT  
5 UNTIL RECENTLY HAS REPRESENTED THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.  
6 UNFORTUNATELY IT NO LONGER DOES SO. AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
7 HOLLY GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION IS BUT A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF  
8 THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLY GLEN. AND THE RESIDENTS WHO SIGNED THE  
9 CARDS THAT WENT INTO THE CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THIS PROJECT  
10 FAR OUTNUMBERED THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOLLY GLEN  
11 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. SO YOU'RE BEING TOLD THAT HOLLY GLEN  
12 SUPPORTS THIS PROJECT. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. NOW, THE  
13 CONSEQUENCES TO HAWTHORNE IF THIS GOES THROUGH AND THIS  
14 INCLUDES THE COMMUNITY OF HOLLY GLEN. THE DEBT SERVICE ON WHAT  
15 HAWTHORNE IS PROPOSING TO KICK INTO THIS PROJECT OVER THE  
16 COURSE OF THE PROJECT WOULD ACCOUNT FOR \$143 MILLION. WE CAN'T  
17 AFFORD IT. WE HAVE 85,000 PEOPLE IN HOLLY GLEN-- OR IN  
18 HAWTHORNE WE CANNOT AFFORD AN ADDITIONAL \$143 MILLION IN DEBT  
19 SERVICE. THAT IS IN ADDITION TO THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE  
20 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED AND ARE  
21 UNDER CONSTRUCTION. IF YOU ADD THIS TO THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE  
22 OTHER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT ARE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE,  
23 OUR DEBT SERVICE ON THIS IS IN EXCESS OF \$300 MILLION. WE  
24 CAN'T BEAR THIS. AND SO I'M ASKING YOU PLEASE, OUR CITY  
25 COUNCIL IS PART-TIME. WE HAVE THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE



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1 PART-TIME, WHO HAVE PUSHED THIS PROJECT FORWARD, MOSTLY LED BY  
2 COUNCILMAN PARSONS, WHO IS IN FIRST TERM AND WHOSE FULL-TIME  
3 JOB IS WORKING FOR BOEING, WHICH GETS CONTRACTS FROM THE AIR  
4 FORCE BASE. I UNDERSTAND VERY CLEARLY WHY HE WANTS THIS  
5 PROJECT TO GO THROUGH. HE MAKES HIS REPUTATION. HE SAVES HIS  
6 JOB. WE CANNOT BEAR THE BURDEN OF THIS COST. IT IS GOING TO  
7 BANKRUPT THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND PLEASE USE YOUR WISDOM AND  
8 YOUR EXPERIENCE AND YOUR FULL-TIME STAFF TO REALIZE THAT THE  
9 CONSEQUENCES TO US IN YOUR DISTRICT IS FAR OUTWEIGHED BY THE  
10 POSSIBILITY OF SAVING A BASE WHICH MAY ACTUALLY CAUSE THE BASE  
11 TO LOSE FROM THIS AREA. THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVES. I  
12 BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY FEASIBLE IF WE WENT BACK AND LOOKED  
13 AT THESE PLANS, TO REBUILD THE BASE ON ITS CURRENT SITE IN  
14 AREA A, AND THEN SELL THE ADDITIONAL LAND ON AREAS B AND C AT  
15 MARKET RATE TO A DEVELOPER THAT WOULD ELIMINATE THE GAP, IT  
16 WOULD ELIMINATE THE CITY HAVING TO CROSS JURISDICTIONS, IT  
17 WOULD ELIMINATE HAWTHORNE HAVING TO SUBSIDIZE THIS PROJECT,  
18 WHICH WILL BANKRUPT US AND OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S  
19 CHILDREN TO PAY THIS \$143 MILLION IN DEBT SERVICE. THANK YOU  
20 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND PLEASE TURN THIS DOWN.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE COMMENTS FROM BOARD  
23 MEMBERS? DO WE HAVE A MOTION? [ INAUDIBLE ].

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND? IT'S BEEN MOVED AND  
2   SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR  
3   ANTONOVICH?

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY THAT  
6   WE WOULD ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. WENDELL COFELT, A LONG-TIME  
7   GLENDALE RESIDENT, A FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF AT SAINT JOSEPH'S  
8   MEDICAL CENTER IN BURBANK, AND ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. HE HAD  
9   ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS LIKE THE NEWBORN GENETIC SCREENING,  
10   COUNTYWIDE CAR SEAT PROGRAM CALLED "FIRST RIDE, SAFE RIDE" AND  
11   PEDIATRIC AFTER-HOURS AT THE HOSPITAL. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE  
12   DOLORES AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN. JUDGE WILLIAM HOGOBOOM, WHO--  
13   A RESIDENT OF PASADENA WHO PASSED AWAY. HE WAS APPOINTED TO  
14   THE SUPERIOR COURT BACK IN 1968 BY THEN GOVERNOR RONALD  
15   REAGAN, WHERE HE SERVED FOR 16 YEARS UNTIL HE THEN BECAME VICE  
16   PRESIDENT AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
17   CALIFORNIA. HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL.

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19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN I JOIN IN THAT.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CORTES " CORKY" GENE PHILLIPS, WHOSE 35-YEAR  
22   TEACHER CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
23   AND HE AND HIS WIFE WERE ALSO OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE AQUA  
24   OAKS SWIM SCHOOL IN MONTROSE FROM 1960 TO 1967. WILLIAM "BILL"  
25   ROSS, A LONG-TIME PROMINENT LOS ANGELES BASED POLITICAL



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1 CAMPAIGN STRATEGIST, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. HE WAS  
2 INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF CAMPAIGNS, INCLUDING SHERIFF PETER  
3 PITCHESS, COUNTY ASSESSOR PHILLIP WATSON, SENATOR BARRY  
4 GOLDWATER AND EDMUND G. BROWN.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT ONE AS WELL.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LOWELL MARTIN SMITH, A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN  
9 LEGION POST AND CHARTER MEMBER OF THE PALMDALE JUNIOR CHAMBER  
10 OF COMMERCE, AND A MULTIPLE TERM PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE  
11 VALLEY FOOTHILL BOARD OF REALTORS. JOYCE THOMAS, WHO IS THE  
12 MOTHER-IN-LAW OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COVINA, WALTER  
13 ALLEN, WHO PASSED AWAY, SHE WAS A REGISTERED NURSE FOR THE  
14 EMERGENCY TRAUMA CARE UNIT AT POMONA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER.  
15 AND DOUGLAS GRIGGENAN-- GRINNAN, WHO PASSED AWAY FROM THE  
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND I'D LIKE TO READ A MOTION IN TODAY. ON  
17 AUGUST 22ND THERE WAS APPARENT ARSON FIRES WHICH DESTROYED OR  
18 DAMAGED DOZENS OF S.U.V.'S IN A WAREHOUSE AT THE KIPPENSHAW  
19 CHEVROLET DEALERSHIP IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHICH HAD BEEN  
20 VANDALIZED BY GRAFFITI AS WELL. TEMPLE CITY SHERIFF'S STATION  
21 PERSONNEL RESPONDED TO REPORTED VANDALISMS AT DUARTE  
22 MITSUBISHI AND ADVANTAGE FORD IN DUARTE, WHERE THERE ARE WERE  
23 ALSO SIMILAR TERRORIST SPRAY-PAINTED SLOGANS ON S.U.V.'S AND  
24 OTHER AT TWO OTHER DEALERSHIPS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CITIES OF  
25 MONROVIA AND ARCADIA. THE PRESS OFFICE OF THE RADICAL EARTH



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1 LIBERATION FRONT ISSUED AN UNSIGNED E-MAIL CALLING THE  
2 INCIDENTS E.L.F. ACTIONS AND ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY THREE  
3 WEEKS AGO FOR BURNING DOWN A SAN DIEGO APARTMENT CONSTRUCTION  
4 SITE, WHICH RESULTED IN \$50 MILLION IN DAMAGES. DAMAGES TO THE  
5 CAR DEALERS IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IS APPROXIMATELY \$2.5  
6 MILLION. SO I'M GOING TO MOVE THAT FROM MY OFFICE THAT WE  
7 MOUNT A REWARD \$10,000 IN RETURN FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO  
8 THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
9 THOSE FIRES AT KIPPENSHAW CHEVROLET IN WEST COVINA, OR THE  
10 OTHER FACILITIES IN DUARTE AND MONROVIA. ALSO WE HAVE A LETTER  
11 FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEVE COOLEY WHO'S ASKING IF EACH OF  
12 THE MEMBERS COULD ALSO ADD \$10,000 TO THE MOTION SO THAT WE'D  
13 HAVE A \$50,000 REWARD. I KNOW THE FBI IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN  
14 PURSUING THIS, THEY THINK THEY HAVE SOME POSSIBLE LEADS BUT TO  
15 HELP ERADICATE THIS TYPE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY I MAKE THAT  
16 MOTION FOR TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE OTHER OFFICES THAT WISH TO ADD  
19 ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS? ALL RIGHT, IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY I'M  
20 SURE WE CAN BRING IT BACK.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MOVE IT TODAY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL SECOND IT UH-HUH. WITHOUT OBJECTION SO  
25 ORDERED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MIGHT SAY THAT ON THE ISSUE OF SUPERVISOR  
7 YAROSLAVSKY ON ITEM 29, I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE OF  
8 MEET AND CONFER, THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE HELD FOR  
9 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. I KNOW WE ARE NOW IN NEGOTIATIONS AS TO  
10 THE ISSUES OF BENEFITS AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSED IN  
11 EXECUTIVE SESSION BASED ON THAT PREVIOUS ACTION BY THE BOARD  
12 THAT THIS OUGHT TO BE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ISSUE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
15 WHO'VE BEEN WAITING ALL MORNING AND INTO THE AFTERNOON TO  
16 TESTIFY ON THIS, AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE HEAR FROM THEM.  
17 SECONDLY, ITEMS 1 AND 2 ON THE MOTION ARE THE ONLY ITEMS THAT  
18 WE ARE-- THAT MY MOTION PROPOSES TO IMPLEMENT UNILATERALLY,  
19 PURSUANT TO STATE LEGISLATION, WHICH WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR,  
20 WHICH WE SUPPORTED. ITEM 3 ON THE MOTION, WHICH INVOLVES A  
21 WHOLE HOST OF OTHER DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS, I DO RECOMMEND  
22 IN THE MOTION BE THROWN INTO THE MIX IN OUR COLLECTIVE  
23 BARGAINING PACKAGE FOR FRINGE BENEFITS. SO THERE ARE TWO  
24 SEPARATE COMPONENT PARTS, THERE'S 1 AND 2 IN THE MOTION, AND  
25 THERE'S 3. AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE-- I ASSUME WE'RE TAKING IT



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1 UP, SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE APPROVE 1 AND 2 TODAY AND THAT WE  
2 REFER ITEM 3 INTO THE CLOSED SESSION AND THROW IT INTO THE  
3 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MIX. THAT WAS THE INTENT. THIS IS  
4 CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW THAT WE'VE SUPPORTED, IT IS CONSISTENT  
5 WITH HOW WE HANDLED DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS SEVERAL  
6 YEARS AGO, WHEN WE EXTENDED CERTAIN DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP  
7 BENEFITS TO OUR EMPLOYEES, WE DIDN'T THROW IT INTO THE  
8 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MIX, WE DID IT UNILATERALLY, BECAUSE WE  
9 DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO WAIT ON SOME OF THESE THINGS.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THERE IS A COST THAT YOU'RE--

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S A COST, THERE'S A COST OF ABOUT--  
14 WAS IT 1.8 TO 2.2 MILLION OF WHICH 45% OF WHICH IS OUR COST  
15 AND THE OTHER 55% ARE SUBVENED TO OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT,  
16 SO YOU'RE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 900,000 AND  
17 \$1.1 MILLION, WHICH IS ABOUT A TENTH OF A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL  
18 COST OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM. THIS IS ABOUT SURVIVOR BENEFITS. 1  
19 AND 2, THE FIRST TWO ITEMS ON THE MOTION, ARE ABOUT SURVIVOR  
20 BENEFITS, THESE ARE ABOUT DOMESTIC PARTNERS ONE OF WHOSE  
21 PARTNERS MAY DIE AND WHETHER THE SURVIVING PARTNER WILL HAVE  
22 RIGHTS TO SURVIVOR BENEFITS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE OUGHT TO  
23 DO THAT, AND ON THE OTHER STUFF, WE CAN'T TAKE THE TIME TO PUT  
24 IT INTO THE NEGOTIATION MIX. AND AGAIN, IT'S WHAT THE LAW  
25 CALLED FOR, IT DOESN'T REQUIRE US TO NEGOTIATE IT. WE CAN IF



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1 WE WANT TO, BUT IT'S BEEN OUR POLICY AS A BOARD NOT TO  
2 NEGOTIATE THESE FUNDAMENTAL KIND OF, JUST FOR LACK OF BETTER  
3 PHRASE, BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND JUST DO IT BECAUSE IT'S  
4 THE RIGHT THING. ON THE OTHER STUFF, WHICH THERE ARE SEVERAL,  
5 YOU CAN LOOK AT IT IN THE MOTION, THERE ARE A HALF A DOZEN OR  
6 SO OTHER THINGS, BEREAVEMENT LEAVE, ALL KINDS OF OTHER STUFF,  
7 THAT, I WOULD-- THAT THE MOTION CALLS FOR THROWING INTO THE  
8 NEGOTIATION MIX. SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE DO AT LEAST APPROVE 1  
9 AND 2 AND REFER THE OTHERS TO, THE LAST ITEM INTO THE CLOSED  
10 SESSION, BUT WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD AND--

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WERE YOU CALLING UP-- DID YOU CALL UP 26,  
13 THAT YOU WERE HOLDING? I'M SORRY, 28 YOU WERE HOLDING.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 29.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT THAT WE HAD DOWN HERE, ITEM  
18 NUMBER 28, WAS THAT HEARD ALREADY? AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
19 WAS HOLDING IT?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS HOLDING ALSO 29. NUMBER 28, THAT WAS  
22 ALSO BEING HELD.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL DO MY ADJOURNMENTS, THEN  
25 I'LL CALL 28 UP AND--



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. LET ME JUST ASK ONE OTHER, IF WE WANT  
3 TO PUT--

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO ASK 28 BE REFERRED BACK TO MY  
6 OFFICE. IS THAT ALL RIGHT?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO ASK THAT 28 BE REFERRED BACK TO  
11 MY OFFICE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ON A--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UNLESS YOU'RE PREPARED TO VOTE?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ANOTHER ISSUE, MR. PELLMAN, OUR OFFICE HAS  
20 RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE  
21 REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF CASTAIC LAKE BACK TO THE STATE. AND  
22 THE LETTER RAISES SIGNIFICANT LEGAL CONCERNS REGARDING THAT  
23 PROPOSAL BEFORE-- THAT PERHAPS IF WE COULD ALSO DISCUSS THAT  
24 IN CLOSED SESSION BECAUSE IT JUST CAME FROM THE ATTORNEY  
25 GENERAL AND RELATES TO ACTIONS.



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2 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** RIGHT. WELL IT'LL HAVE TO BE ADDED AS AN ITEM  
3 FOR SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR-- SUPERVISOR  
8 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES THAT ITEM 28 BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.  
9 SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I'LL  
10 CALL-- I'M GOING TO DO MY ADJOURNMENTS, THEN I'LL CALL ITEMS  
11 26 THEN 34.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT 29 CAN WE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO-- I MEAN 29. I'LL CALL THAT AS  
16 SOON AS I DO MY ADJOURNMENTS AND GET RID OF 26. I MOVE THAT  
17 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KIYE TATUM, WHO  
18 IS THE BELOVED SON OF CLINT TATUM, WHO IS A DEPUTY IN MY  
19 OFFICE. AND REVEREND FREDDIE LEE ANDERSON, A LONG-TIME  
20 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF  
21 THE PRESS GETHSEMANE CHRISTIAN LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH UNDER THE  
22 LEADERSHIP OF REVEREND LARRY C. JACKSON. AND WILLIAM ROTH, I  
23 BELIEVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DID THAT. BOBBY BONDS, WHO  
24 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 57 SATURDAY AFTER BATTLING LUNG  
25 CANCER AND A BRAIN TUMOR FOR NEARLY A YEAR. HE WAS ONE OF THE



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1 FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS TO HIT 30 HOME RUNS AND  
2 STEAL 30 BASES IN A SEASON, FATHER OF BARRY BONDS, WHO COULD  
3 SURPASS HENRY AARON AS BASEBALL'S ALL-TIME HOME RUN LEADER AS  
4 SOON AS THE 2005 SEASON IS OVER.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT AND ALSO ON CLINTON'S.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BOND IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PAT, A  
9 DAUGHTER SHERYL DUGAN AND TWO OTHER SONS, RICKIE AND BOBBY. HE  
10 LIVED IN RIVERSIDE. ALL RIGHT. ALL MEMBERS. AND ARCHIE C.  
11 EPPES III, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66, HE WAS ONE OF THE  
12 FIRST TOP RANKING BLACK ADMINISTRATORS AT HARVARD, LONG-TIME  
13 DEAN OF STUDENTS. HE DIED OF COMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING SURGERY.  
14 HE LIVED IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS. MAYBE ALL MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO  
15 JOIN ME IN KIYE, TOO. YES, ALL RIGHT, SO ORDERED. I'LL CALL UP  
16 ITEM NUMBER 26. 26.

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18 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
19 MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER,  
20 AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT  
21 THIS AGENDA ITEM REFERS TO ROOM 222 OF THE, I'M QUOTING  
22 CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, UNQUOTE. ON AUGUST 19, JUST ONE WEEK AGO,  
23 THE LOS ANGELES DAILY JOURNAL PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ON THE  
24 TRIAL COURTS AND OTHER AGENCIES. THAT ARTICLE DISPLAYED A  
25 PHOTO OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE BEFORE EARLY IN THIS YEAR WHEN



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1 IT WAS RENAMED THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT STANLEY MOSQUE  
2 COURTHOUSE. WHY, I WONDER, WOULD THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PUBLISHER OF THE LOS ANGELES  
4 DAILY JOURNAL BOTH AVOID, APPARENTLY AVOID USING THE NAME OF  
5 THAT COURTHOUSE AND WHICH NAME IS SET FORTH ABOVE THAT  
6 COURTHOUSE, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK  
7 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
10 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I CAN CALL UP ITEM  
11 NUMBER 29 AT THIS TIME, UNLESS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY YOU WISH  
12 TO CALL IT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. GO AHEAD. I MEAN, WE WERE ALREADY  
15 TALKING ABOUT IT SO.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL CALL UP ITEM 29 AND I THINK  
18 YOU HAVE A REVISED MOTION BEFORE US.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO, AND THE ONLY CHANGE IS UNDERLINED ON  
21 PAGE 4, WHICH IS MY MISTAKE, IT'S CURRENT AND FUTURE RETIREES.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE COUNCIL MEMBER LARRY  
24 FORESTER, KENNETH P. HAHN, CATHY RENNER, I'D LIKE TO ASK THEM



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1 TO COME FORWARD. I'M SORRY THEY'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG. WE  
2 SHOULD HAVE CALLED THEM EARLIER.

3

4 **LARRY FORESTER:** IT'S NOT SO BAD. I ONLY HAVE A COUNCIL MEETING  
5 AT 7:00 TONIGHT, WHICH WILL LAST FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS, BUT  
6 THAT'S OKAY. LARRY FORESTER, COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE CITY OF  
7 SIGNAL HILL. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MAYOR MIKE KNOLL,  
8 MYSELF AND MY FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF THE ACTION  
9 ON ITEM NUMBER 29. LOOKING AT AND RESPECTING DOMESTIC  
10 PARTNERSHIP I THINK IS VERY CRITICAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT WE  
11 LIVE IN TODAY. I LOOK AT A STATEMENT THAT'S UP ON YOUR WALL  
12 THAT SAYS "GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE," EXCUSE  
13 ME, "AND FOR THE PEOPLE." DOMESTIC PARTNERS ARE THE PEOPLE,  
14 AND I THINK VERY IMPORTANT TO YOUR EMPLOYEES. AS WE CURRENTLY  
15 HAVE JUST FINISHED NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH YOUR FIRE  
16 DEPARTMENT, AND THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO  
17 DO THAT REASONABLY SEAMLESSLY, WE LOOK AT THOSE EMPLOYEES  
18 HAVING DOMESTIC PARTNERS AND NEEDING BENEFITS. SO WE AS A  
19 COUNCIL DO SPEAK AND SAY THAT WE'RE STRONGLY IN FAVOR, THAT  
20 THESE BENEFITS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF  
21 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY AND WE SPEAK VERY HIGHLY IN  
22 FAVOR OF AND ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS, PLEASE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCILMAN.

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1 **KENNETH P. HAHN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE  
2 BOARD.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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6 **KENNETH P. HAHN:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LOOKING A LOT MORE RESTED.

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10 **KENNETH P. HAHN:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I COULDN'T STAY AWAY. BUT,  
11 YES, I WANTED TO ADD MY VOICE TO VOTE "YES" ON THIS MOTION, ON  
12 THIS RESOLUTION. MY PARTNER AND I HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR OVER  
13 29 YEARS. NEXT YEAR WILL BE THE 30TH YEAR TOGETHER, AND HE IS  
14 IN PUBLIC SERVICE, OF SORTS. HE'S A LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE  
15 DOING HOSPICE WORK FOR THE ELDERLY AND FOR OTHER INFIRMITIES,  
16 AND HE IS NOT COVERED BY A PENSION PLAN, AND IT WOULD BE A  
17 GREAT THING, YOU KNOW, INSTEAD OF PUTTING HIM IN A SITUATION  
18 WHERE HE MIGHT BE, YOU KNOW, LESS DESIRABLE CIRCUMSTANCES,  
19 WE'LL SAY. I'VE ALSO MET MANY PEOPLE AS ASSESSOR WHO WOULD  
20 COME TO ME WHO WERE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION AND THEY HAVE  
21 FOUND, TOO, THAT THEY JUST COULDN'T MAKE IT, SO I WOULD LIKE  
22 TO VOICE THIS AND SAY THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS  
23 RESOLUTION PASS AND IT CERTAINLY IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.  
24 THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JEFFREY PRANG AND  
2   ROGER COGGAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD. YES MISS RENNER.

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4   **CATHY RENNER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CATHY RENNER, I'M THE  
5   EXECUTIVE CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP  
6   COALITION, I'M ALSO A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, I'M A LIEUTENANT WITH  
7   THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND I'VE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
8   OVER 31 YEARS. TODAY, I'M HERE REPRESENTING COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
9   THAT ARE EITHER IN DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS OR FOR THOSE  
10   EMPLOYEES THAT, IN THE FUTURE, WILL BE IN DOMESTIC  
11   PARTNERSHIPS. BACK IN 1995, THE BOARD APPROVED MEDICAL AND  
12   DENTAL AND VISION BENEFITS FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERS. IN THE YEAR  
13   2000, THE COALITION RECONVENED TO CONTINUE OUR GOALS IN  
14   GETTING EQUALITY IN ALL BENEFITS. WE CONTACTED LACERA. LACERA  
15   GAVE US DIRECTION AND EXPLAINED THE STATE ACT OF 1937. WE  
16   DILIGENTLY SPEND A LOT OF TIME RESEARCHING THIS AND PUTTING  
17   THINGS TOGETHER. THE BOARD WAS INSTRUMENTAL, I BELIEVE, IN  
18   GETTING L.A. COUNTY ADDED TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2777, WHICH ALLOWS  
19   THE SETTING ASIDE OF THE ACT AND GIVING THE BOARD THE ABILITY  
20   TO DIRECT LACERA TO OFFER THESE SURVIVOR BENEFITS TO ITS  
21   MEMBERSHIPS, TO DOMESTIC PARTNERS. WHAT WE ARE HERE TODAY  
22   ASKING IS THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND TO  
23   CONTINUE TO PURSUE EQUALITY WHEN IT COMES TO BENEFITS FOR  
24   DOMESTIC PARTNERS. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
25   THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, HIS



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1 INITIATIVE, AND HIS CONTINUING SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER. JUST  
2 BRIEFLY, ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I AM IN A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP  
3 RELATIONSHIP, AND I'VE KNOWN THIS WOMAN FOR OVER 25 YEARS, WE  
4 HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TOGETHER FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS. I, LIKE  
5 EVERYONE ON THE BOARD, AM CONCERNED AND HAVE THE SAME FEARS  
6 THAT YOU ALL SHARE IN PROVIDING FOR YOUR FAMILIES IN THE EVENT  
7 OF YOUR DEATH. FOR MYSELF AND FOR ALL L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES, I  
8 STRONGLY REQUEST, OR WE STRONGLY REQUEST THAT YOU APPROVE THIS  
9 MOTION. THANK YOU.

10

11 **JEFF PRANG:** MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY  
12 NAME IS JEFF PRANG, I'M AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SHERIFF'S  
13 DEPARTMENT AND I'M A RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. I WANT TO  
14 THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND IN  
15 BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT PROPOSAL FORWARD THANK YOUR BOARD FOR  
16 YOUR PAST SUPPORT FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP WITHIN THE COUNTY  
17 FAMILY. I AM PROUD THAT MY BOSS, SHERIFF LEE BACA, IS A  
18 SUPPORTER OF THIS MOTION. I'VE BEEN PART OF THE STEERING  
19 COMMITTEE FOR THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP COALITION FOR THE PAST  
20 TWO YEARS, AND WHILE I DO NOT HAVE A DOMESTIC PARTNER  
21 PERSONALLY, I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT FAIR AND EQUITABLE RIGHTS  
22 AND BENEFITS SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE  
23 COUNTY. I FIRST GOT INVOLVED BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THIS CAUSE  
24 WAS SIMPLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT THERE'S A VERY HUMAN  
25 FACE TO THIS ISSUE AS WELL, TRUE STORIES AND CHALLENGES



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1 EXPERIENCED EVERY DAY BY COLLEAGUES WITH WHOM I WORK, AND I  
2 BECAME MORE COMMITTED AS I CAME TO KNOW MANY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE  
3 IN COMMITTED, LOVING, LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS, MANY OF WHOM  
4 ARE ON THE VERGE OF RETIREMENT AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER  
5 WITH THE COUNTY. I'VE WATCHED AS THESE COLLEAGUES EXPERIENCED  
6 FEAR AND ANXIETY ABOUT THE LONG TERM CARE AND WELFARE OF THEIR  
7 PARTNERS JUST AS ANY HUSBAND OR WIFE WOULD CARE ABOUT THEIR  
8 SPOUSE. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT DOMESTIC PARTNERS ARE NOT  
9 TREATED THE SAME UNDER EXISTING LAW IN THE COUNTY, BUT  
10 PERSONAL AND FAMILY SECURITY, THAT ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES WANT  
11 AND TRULY NEED, IS STILL NOT AVAILABLE FOR ALL COUNTY  
12 EMPLOYEES AND DOMESTIC PARTNERS. LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, THEY ARE  
13 CONCERNED FOR THE WELL BEING AND SECURITY OF THEIR PARTNERS  
14 AND THEIR FAMILIES, THEY WANT TO ENSURE THAT THEIR HARD-EARNED  
15 RETIREMENT BENEFITS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP THEIR FAMILY  
16 JUST AS MARRIED COUPLES WANT THOSE BENEFITS FOR THEIR FAMILY.  
17 THEY WANT TO ENSURE THAT THEIR PARTNERS AND FAMILIES WILL HAVE  
18 ACCESS TO RETIREMENT AND MEDICAL CARE, JUST LIKE THE FAMILIES  
19 OF ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND THEY WANT TO BE WITH THE ONE THAT  
20 THEY LOVE WHEN A CLOSE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY DIES WITH  
21 EQUITABLE BEREAVEMENT LEAVE, THE SAME CONSIDERATION WHICH IS  
22 NOW GRANTED TO OTHER EMPLOYEES. WHILE I THINK THAT THE REASON  
23 TO ADOPT THIS MEASURE RESTS SOLELY ON THE FACT THAT IT'S FAIR  
24 AND JUST, I AM PLEASED THAT THE COST IS QUITE NOMINAL. ALSO,  
25 IT MERITS MENTIONING THAT MORE AND MORE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



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1 AND CORPORATIONS RECOGNIZE THAT SUCH BENEFITS NOT ONLY CREATE  
2 A PRODUCTIVE WORK FORCE BY IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND FINANCIAL  
3 SECURITY, BUT ALSO CREATES A BETTER WORKING ENVIRONMENT TO  
4 ATTRACT AND RETAIN GOOD EMPLOYEES. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR  
5 SUPPORT, AND AS A LOYAL COUNTY EMPLOYEE I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST  
6 YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COULD GAIL EHRLICH AND ALICIA  
9 MALONE COME FORWARD-- MALONE COME FORWARD.

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11 **ROGER COGGAN:** THANK YOU HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS. I'M ROGER COGGAN, I'M DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES  
13 AND PUBLIC POLICY AT THE L.A. GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER. AND I'M  
14 GOING TO BE UNDER A MINUTE. BRIEF. THIS PROPOSAL FURTHERS AN  
15 IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT INTEREST OF TREATING THE FAMILIES OF ALL  
16 COUNTY EMPLOYEES EQUALLY. THE EXTENSION OF PENSION BENEFITS TO  
17 THE SURVIVING DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF L.A. COUNTY RETIREES IS AN  
18 IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD ENSURING THAT ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
19 RECEIVE A FAIR SHARE OF THE BENEFITS THEY HAVE EARNED,  
20 REGARDLESS OF WHO THEIR PARTNERS ARE. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR  
21 YAROSLAVSKY AND URGE THE ENTIRE BOARD TO SEND THE MESSAGE THAT  
22 ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE TREATED EQUALLY. THANK YOU VERY  
23 MUCH.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR  
2   NAME? AND STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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4   **GAIL EHRLICH:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GAIL EHRLICH, AND  
5   I RESIDE IN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. I AM A 13-YEAR  
6   DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I AM VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT MY  
7   BOSS, STEVE COOLEY, SUPPORTS THIS MEASURE. I HAVE BEEN IN A  
8   COMMITTED DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP FOR 10 YEARS NOW.  
9   I AM THE PRIMARY BREAD WINNER IN MY FAMILY, AND I JUST WOULD  
10   ASK THIS BOARD TO HELP ME SO THAT IF I SHOULD PREDECEASE MY  
11   PARTNER, THAT SHE'S TAKEN CARE OF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK GERALD ORCHOLSKI  
14   AND JIM PHILLIPS TO COME FORWARD. STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

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16   **ALICIA MALONE:** HI. MY NAME'S ALICIA MALONE. THIS IS MY SON,  
17   JUSTICE TYLER. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE POMONA AREA. I'VE BEEN  
18   ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 13 YEARS NOW, I'M SERGEANT OUT  
19   OF CENTURY STATION. I AM JUST ASKING FOR YOU ALL TO PLEASE  
20   VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS. I AM VERY CONCERNED, OBVIOUSLY, FOR MY  
21   SON'S WELL BEING, IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME, ME AND MY  
22   PARTNER ARE OBVIOUSLY STARTING A FAMILY AND I AM THE BREAD  
23   WINNER OF THE FAMILY AND IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN TO ME, I  
24   WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE MY PARTNER AND MY CHILD TO BE TAKEN  
25   CARE OF. I WORK HARD, JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHER COUNTY



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1 EMPLOYEES, AND I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR POSITIVE VOTE  
2 IN THIS AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR FINAL SPEAKER, I'D  
5 LIKE TO ASK ALISA DELSANTI TO COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR  
6 NAME.

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8 **GERALD ORCHOLSKI:** YES. MY NAME IS GERALD ORCHOLSKI. I RESIDE  
9 IN PASADENA. I AM CURRENTLY RETIRED FROM THE COUNTY. I WORKED  
10 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES FOR 19 YEARS. THIS IS  
11 MY PARTNER HERE, JIM PHILLIPS, OF 25 YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO  
12 JUST SUPPORT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT AND ASK THAT  
13 YOU ALL VOTE IN FAVOR OF IT FOR FAIRNESS AND EQUITY AND TO  
14 MAKE SURE THAT I, AS A CURRENT RETIREE, AM INCLUDED IN THIS  
15 DECISION. THANK YOU.

16

17 **JIM PHILLIPS:** YEAH MY NAME IS JIM PHILLIPS. I'M JERRY'S  
18 PARTNER OF 25 YEARS. WE MET IN 1978 AND WE'VE BEEN A COMMITTED  
19 COUPLE SINCE THEN, WHILE HE WAS WORKING FOR THE COUNTY, AND  
20 WHEN HE RETIRED IN 1985, OUR FAMILY HAS NOT BENEFITED FROM THE  
21 FINANCIAL BENEFITS THAT OTHER MARRIED COUPLES-- MARRIED  
22 EMPLOYEES' SPOUSES GET FROM THE COUNTY. I HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN  
23 PAYING FOR MANY YEARS INDEPENDENTLY, HEALTH INSURANCE, OF OVER  
24 \$3,000 A YEAR FOR VERY INADEQUATE INSURANCE, AND I JUST WANT  
25 TO STATE THIS WOULD BE A GREAT BOON TO OUR FAMILY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR--

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, THE LAST PERSON DID NOT COME UP, SO.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO MAKE A MOTION THAT I JUST  
9 CONSULTED WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL, AND ON ITEM 2 AND 3, I'M  
10 GOING TO RECOMMEND WE TAKE THAT INTO CLOSED SESSION AND  
11 DISCUSS IT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS. ON ITEM  
12 1, I'M GOING TO MOVE APPROVAL, AND I WANT TO JUST BRIEFLY  
13 INDICATE WHY. IF A-- ABOUT 4% OF OUR EMPLOYEES ARE ESTIMATED  
14 TO BE IN DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS. THAT'S ABOUT 3600 EMPLOYEES,  
15 3600 PEOPLE, IN EVERY DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY: FIRE, POLICE,  
16 SHERIFF I SHOULD SAY, D.A. YOU HEARD THEM FROM TODAY. ALL  
17 ACROSS THE COUNTY FAMILY. IF ONE OF THOSE-- IF ONE OF OUR  
18 EMPLOYEES SHOULD DIE, ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES IN A DOMESTIC  
19 PARTNERSHIP SHOULD DIE WHILE WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THIS, THAT'S  
20 THE END OF THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT DOMESTIC PARTNER'S  
21 PARTNER, FOR THAT EMPLOYEE'S PARTNER TO BENEFIT FROM WHAT WE  
22 WILL ULTIMATELY DO. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS BOARD WILL  
23 ULTIMATELY APPROVE ALL OR MOST ALL OF ALL OF THESE THINGS  
24 BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY DONE IT IN SOME MEASURE IN OTHER  
25 CONTEXT, WE'RE GOING TO DO IT AGAIN. MOST OF US WILL VOTE FOR



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1 IT. THAT'S THE KIND OF BOARD WE ARE. WE'VE BEEN A LEADER IN  
2 THAT RESPECT, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN A LEADER IN THAT RESPECT,  
3 AND I'M PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF A COUNTY FAMILY WHERE MOST OF  
4 US, IF NOT ALL OF US HAVE SUPPORTED THESE KINDS OF THINGS AND  
5 COME TO-- AND COME TO FACE REALITY, REGARDLESS OF OUR  
6 POLITICAL BACKGROUND OR PHILOSOPHICAL BACKGROUND OR RELIGIOUS  
7 BACKGROUND, THAT WE'VE COME TO RECOGNIZE REALITY AS IT IS AND  
8 TO DO THE RIGHT THING. ALL OF THE OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE  
9 CONTAINED IN 2 AND 3 ARE BENEFITS, THAT IF WE WAITED THREE,  
10 FOUR, OR FIVE, SIX MONTHS WHILE THEY GOT NEGOTIATED, WOULD DO  
11 NO FUNDAMENTAL HARM. ITEM 1, WHICH IS THE SURVIVOR BENEFIT,  
12 WOULD DO A LOT OF HARM. IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE ONE OF THE  
13 BENEFICIARY-- POTENTIAL BENEFICIARY OF ONE OF THESE-- OF THE  
14 PENSION BENEFIT WHEN YOUR PARTNER PASSES AWAY, IF THIS ISN'T  
15 IN PLACE, YOU'VE LOST THAT OPPORTUNITY FOREVER, AND IT'S JUST  
16 NOT RIGHT AND IT'S NOT FAIR, ESPECIALLY SINCE I THINK EVERY  
17 ONE OF US KNOWS THAT EVENTUALLY WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS, SO IF  
18 WE'RE EVENTUALLY GOING TO DO THIS, THEN LET'S DO IT NOW, WHERE  
19 IT MAKES IT-- IT MAY MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO SOMEBODY, OR IT  
20 CERTAINLY WILL MAKE AN ADVERSE DIFFERENCE TO SOMEBODY IF WE  
21 DON'T DO IT NOW. WE SUPPORTED A LAW-- WE ACTUALLY WENT TO  
22 SACRAMENTO AND ASKED THAT THIS BILL, WHICH BECAME LAW, INCLUDE  
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ASKED THEM AND THEY DID INSERT LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY INTO THIS BILL. ISN'T THAT RIGHT? AND THIS BILL  
25 ALLOWS US TO DO PRECISELY WHAT THIS MOTION IS DOING. IT'S



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1 TAKEN ALL OF THESE MONTHS, SINCE JANUARY, TO GET THE ACTUARIAL  
2 STUDY, WHICH IS REQUIRED BY THE BILL, THE ACTUARIAL STUDY HAS  
3 BEEN DONE, AND IT'S BASED ON THAT ACTUARIAL STUDY THAT WE'VE  
4 GOT THESE WORST-CASE NUMBERS, I BELIEVE THEY'RE WORST-CASE  
5 NUMBERS, 1.8 TO 2.2 MILLION, AND TAKE 44% OF THAT AS OUR COST,  
6 AND HERE WE ARE, READY TO MOVE. SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE-- I'M  
7 GOING TO MOVE THAT WE APPROVE ITEM 1 IN MY MOTION, THAT WE  
8 APPROVE MY MOTION AS IS, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT ITEM 2, ALONG  
9 WITH ITEM 3, BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION AS PART OF OUR  
10 BARGAINING INSTRUCTIONS. AS IT IS NOW, ONLY ITEM 3 WAS. I WANT  
11 TO INCLUDE ITEM 2 IN THAT, BUT ITEM 1, I WOULD ASK THAT WE  
12 APPROVE TODAY. AND AT LEAST LET'S TAKE A STEP IN THAT  
13 DIRECTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IS IT SECONDED?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ASK A QUESTION. THIS IS A \$2.2 MILLION  
18 ITEM, AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD DISCUSS THIS IN EXECUTIVE  
19 SESSION BECAUSE IT'S AN ISSUE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, AND IF  
20 A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD WANTS TO PURSUE IT AFTER EXECUTIVE  
21 SESSION, THEY CAN, BUT I BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO DISCUSS THIS IN  
22 EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PART OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S AN APPROPRIATION  
25 THAT'S REQUIRED, THIS-- THE LIABILITY WOULDN'T ACCRUE UNTIL



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1 THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, JUNE OR  
2 THEREABOUTS, BECAUSE OF THE WAY IT WORKS, NUMBER ONE. NUMBER  
3 TWO, THE BILL, THE LAW THAT WE'RE INVOKING HERE, THE  
4 RESOLUTION THAT WE'RE ADOPTING IS EXPRESSLY IS NOT A  
5 COLLECTIVE-- IT'S NOT REQUIRED TO BE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
6 ISSUE BUT THE FUNDING ON THIS DOES NOT REQUIRE AN  
7 APPROPRIATION.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DAVID COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE FUNDING?

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I HAVE-- YEAH, I HAVE A QUESTION AS WELL,  
14 TOO. DAVID, YOU KNOW, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT'S PARTIAL OR  
15 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING--

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD WE GET AN ANSWER ON THAT ONE? I THINK  
18 MARCIA RICHTER CAN ANSWER THAT.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL LET'S GET BOTH QUESTIONS BEFORE HIM AT  
21 THE SAME TIME.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY FINE, BUT I--

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE YOU WANT TO GET YOUR  
2   QUESTION FOR--

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ASK MARCIA RICHTER TO COME FORWARD.

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6   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL MY QUESTION'S MORE TO DAVID, I MEAN EVEN  
7   THOUGH IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE PART OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, IT  
8   IS EXTENDING A BENEFIT TO A SPECIFIC GROUP OF EMPLOYEES, AND  
9   IN THAT SENSE, WITH ALL THE OTHER ISSUES OUT THERE, HOW DOES  
10  THAT AFFECT OUR LONG-TERM BARGAINING POSITION?

11

12  **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MARCIA IS HERE IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST  
13  QUESTION. I'M DELIGHTED YOU'RE HERE. ON THAT QUESTION OF WHEN  
14  IS IT GOING TO COST THE COUNTY.

15

16  **MARCIA RICHTER:** I SHOULD HAVE LEFT YOU OUT TO DRY.

17

18  **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S THE FIRST ONE.

19

20  **MARCIA RICHTER:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MADAM CHAIRMAN AND  
21  MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IN TERMS OF HOW THIS WOULD BE PAID FOR,  
22  DURING THIS MORNING I CALLED BACK TO THE ACTUARY, AND BECAUSE  
23  THIS IS SO MUCH A MATTER OF ASSUMPTIONS SHE'S BASING THE COST  
24  INFORMATION THAT YOU RECEIVED IN HER LETTER ON THE EXPERIENCE  
25  AT L.A. CITY AND THE EXPERIENCE HERE AT THE COUNTY THROUGH THE



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1 HEALTH AND ACTIVE MEMBER HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, SHE WOULD  
2 ACTUALLY NOT IMPOSE A COST FOR THIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS UNTIL WE  
3 ACTUALLY SAW EXPERIENCE MATERIALIZE, AND SO WHEN WE SAW HOW  
4 MANY PEOPLE ACTUALLY ARE REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERS AND  
5 BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR THE BENEFIT, AT THAT POINT, SHE WOULD  
6 BEGIN TO IMPOSE A COST, SO THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD  
7 BASICALLY UNFOLD OVER TIME, YOU KNOW, IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE  
8 REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE THAT REQUIRE YOU TO  
9 ANNOUNCE A COST FOR SOMETHING, THAT'S WHY THE ACTUARIAL  
10 EVALUATION WAS DONE. BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION THIS IS  
11 A PRETTY TENUOUS KIND OF ACTUARIAL VALUATION, WE DON'T HAVE A  
12 LOT OF INFORMATION ON THIS, SO THIS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO WHAT  
13 HAS BEEN DONE WITH PLAN "E" TRANSFER THAT WAS DONE UNDER THE  
14 M.O.U. THAT WAS NEGOTIATED AND APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD AND MY  
15 BOARD LAST YEAR. THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE  
16 TRANSFERS BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN PLAN "E" AND "D," THE ACTUARY  
17 IS NOT GOING TO ENFOLD THAT INTO THE ACTUAL COST THAT THE  
18 COUNTY IS PAYING UNTIL EXPERIENCE UNFOLDS. SO THIS WOULD BE  
19 THE SAME TREATMENT FOR THIS PARTICULAR BENEFIT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT ON PAGE 2 OF THE REPORT TO YOU, IT  
22 HAS THE \$2.2 MILLION CURRENT AND FUTURE RETIREE.

23

24 **MARCIA RICHTER:** THAT IS HER ESTIMATE OR HER PROJECTION OF WHAT  
25 IT COULD COST IF THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT SHE USED TO DERIVE THOSE



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1 NUMBERS TURN OUT TO BE ACCURATE, BUT THE BENEFIT WILL BE, YOU  
2 KNOW, WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE \$2.2  
3 MILLION. IT COULD BE A MILLION DOLLARS, IT COULD BE \$3  
4 MILLION. THIS IS HER BEST PROJECTION USING THE DEMOGRAPHIC  
5 INFORMATION THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER, BECAUSE SHE  
6 FEELS THIS IS SUCH A TENUOUS PROJECTION, SHE WOULD NOT INCLUDE  
7 IT IN THE ACTUAL COST THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE PAYING UNTIL  
8 EXPERIENCE UNFOLDED, UNTIL WE BEGAN TO SEE WHO WE WERE PAYING  
9 THIS BENEFIT TO.

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11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN THERE'S A MOTION BY--

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO APPROVE NUMBER 1 AND REFER 2 AND 3 TO  
16 CLOSED SESSION.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DAVID, YOU HAD SOME COST ESTIMATES AS WELL?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. SUPERVISOR, WE'RE USING HER FIGURES, AND  
21 WHAT I'M HEARING FROM HER IS THAT WE WON'T SEE THIS FOR A  
22 COUPLE YEARS.

23

24 **MARCIA RICHTER:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** BUT IT POTENTIALLY STILL ADDS TO THE UNFUNDED  
2   LIABILITY RIGHT?

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4   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** EVENTUALLY IT WILL BE BASED ON THEIR ASSUMPTIONS,  
5   IF THE ASSUMPTIONS HOLD TRUE.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE:** AND THE OTHER QUESTION THAT I HAD OF DAVID WAS  
8   SPECIFICALLY THAT EVEN THOUGH WE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE TO  
9   NEGOTIATE THIS BENEFIT, STILL IT IS GIVING A BENEFIT-- A NEW  
10   BENEFIT TO A SPECIFIC GROUP OF OUR EMPLOYEES, AND WHAT I  
11   WANTED TO KNOW WAS HOW DOES THAT IMPACT OUR OVERALL BARGAINING  
12   POSITION?

13

14   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL MY UNDERSTANDING MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR,  
15   WE ARE NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED TO BARGAIN THIS ITEM, BUT WE CAN,  
16   IF WE CHOOSE TO DO SO. IT-- AND FROM MY STANDPOINT, IT IS A  
17   BARGAINING ISSUE, BECAUSE IT IS AN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT, BUT I  
18   DO SYMPATHIZE WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S HUMAN RELATIONS  
19   ISSUE. THIS IS NOT QUITE LIKE EVERY OTHER BENEFIT THAT WE  
20   GRANT. THIS IS NOT FOR A GROUP OF, YOU KNOW, 660 EMPLOYEES,  
21   NURSES, FIRE FIGHTERS. THIS IS FOR EVERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE THAT  
22   FINDS THEMSELVES AFFECTED BY THIS, SO, YEAH, I DO THINK IT IS  
23   A BARGAINING ISSUE, I THINK WE COULD DISCUSS IT IN CLOSED  
24   SESSION, BUT IT IS A POLICY ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO THE HUMAN  
25   RIGHTS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR MOTION IS FOR-- TO APPROVE  
3 ITEM 1 AND REFER 2 AND 3 TO CLOSED SESSION. SECONDED BY  
4 MOLINA, WITH-- CALL THE ROLL ON THAT.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE MOTION IS DULY CARRIED WITH  
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTING "NO."

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT 2 AND 3 ARE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT, THAT'S THE MOTION.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 2 AND 3 ARE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION.  
9 ITEM NUMBER 1 IS APPROVED, ITEM NUMBER 2 AND 3 ARE REFERRED TO  
10 CLOSED SESSION. THAT CONCLUDES-- OH, I HAVE ONE ITEM, ONE  
11 SPECIAL ITEM. I KNOW THAT EVERYONE HAS READ THE ARTICLES ABOUT  
12 THE DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND THE ISSUES AS IT RELATED TO  
13 SURGERY. ALSO, THERE WERE OTHER ISSUES THAT WERE IN THE  
14 NEWSPAPER LAST WEEK AS IT RELATED TO MARTIN LUTHER KING  
15 HOSPITAL. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
16 CARE SERVICES REPORT BACK TO US IN TWO WEEKS WITH A  
17 CONTINGENCY PLAN TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SURGERY SERVICES AT THE  
18 HOSPITAL UPON TERMINATION OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM. I  
19 UNDERSTAND THAT THE A.C.M.E. HAS GIVEN AN EXTENSION, NOT THE  
20 JUNE 30TH DATE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY PUT FORTH BY A.C.G.M.E.,  
21 BUT THAT THEY WILL DEVELOP A NEW DATE AS IT RELATES TO THE  
22 SURGERY DEPARTMENT AND ITS ACCREDITATION. HOWEVER, THERE ARE  
23 OTHER ISSUES THAT WILL BE COMING UP ON SEPTEMBER 9TH FOR  
24 INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT, AT THE NEXT  
25 MEETING, THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT BACK TO ENSURE



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1 THAT, FIRST OF ALL, AN UPDATE ON THE, NO I'M GOING TO MAKE  
2 THIS TWO WEEKS INSTEAD OF ONE WEEK, TWO WEEKS, THAT THEY  
3 REPORT BACK AND UPDATE US ON THE INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW AS WELL  
4 AS THE SURGERY ISSUES.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** TWO WEEKS?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TWO WEEKS.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO HAD, IF WE COULD ASK THE C.A.O. TO  
11 RESPOND IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS RELATIVE TO THE ARTICLE THAT WAS IN  
12 THE DAILY NEWS ON THE FRAUD THAT WAS BEING COMMITTED. I KNOW  
13 THAT THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS RAISED AS TO THE NEED TO BEEF  
14 UP AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND OTHER AREAS, AND THE EFFECTIVENESS  
15 OF OUR HOTLINE THAT WE'VE INITIATED AS WELL, SO IF WE COULD  
16 HAVE THAT REPORT, VIOLET.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I MEAN JUST CAN WE HAVE IMMEDIATE  
19 CLARIFICATION? I MEAN IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY DIDN'T  
20 EVEN USE THE L.A. COUNTY NUMBERS, IT WAS AN ASSUMPTION ALL THE  
21 WAY ACROSS THE BOARD. IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S-- THAT'S CORRECT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WE WERE NOT CONTACTED, WE WERE NOT--



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, WE WERE CONTACTED, BUT I HATE TO BE  
3 CRITICAL OF THE PRESS, BUT THEY WEREN'T ASKING OBJECTIVE  
4 QUESTIONS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE BILLION DOLLARS CAME  
5 FROM. I HEARD THE AUDITOR ON THE RADIO SAYING-- ACTUALLY,  
6 TYLER IS HERE. YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK HIM THAT QUESTION.

7

8 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, IT'S TYLER MCCAULEY THE  
9 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, SUPERVISOR KNABE, IN ANSWER TO YOUR  
10 QUESTION, WE WERE APPROACHED LAST WEEK REGARDING THE FRAUD  
11 HOTLINE AND THE WELFARE FRAUD HOTLINE AND DISCUSSED AT LENGTH  
12 THE SUCCESS OF THOSE INSTRUMENTS OR THOSE PROGRAMS, AND THEN  
13 ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY DECIDED, WELL, THEY-- IS THERE ANY NUMBER  
14 THAT WOULD-- THEY'D LIKE TO KNOW, A NUMBER THAT WOULD  
15 REPRESENT THE TOTAL FRAUD IN THE COUNTY. WE OF COURSE HAVE NO  
16 SUCH NUMBER. IF I KNEW WHERE A FRAUD WAS IT WOULDN'T BE THERE  
17 ANYMORE, AND THERE IS NO SUCH PROGRAM THAT CAN HELP YOU  
18 DETERMINE THAT, SO THEY MADE AN ESTIMATE AFTER CALLING A  
19 REPUTABLE ASSOCIATION OF FRAUD AUDITORS, AND SAID IT WAS 6%.  
20 IN THAT VERY SAME ARTICLE, IT SAID IT WAS \$4,500 PER EMPLOYEE  
21 ON AVERAGE, AGAIN, USING PERCENTAGES. AND \$4,500 PER AVERAGE,  
22 THAT'S ONLY \$400 MILLION. I SAY ONLY BUT IT'S ONLY HALF OF  
23 WHAT THEY SAID, AND THEY ALSO SAID ABOUT THE FRAUD HOTLINE  
24 IT'S HALF OF THAT, MEANING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FRAUD  
25 HOTLINE IN CUTTING DOWN FRAUD. SO THE NUMBERS ARE OBVIOUSLY



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1 VERY DUBIOUS IN TERMS OF CLARITY WHAT THEY ARE, WHERE A FRAUD  
2 MIGHT BE. YOUR BOARD IS AWARE WE HAVE EXTENSIVE PROGRAMS TO  
3 CONTROL FRAUD AND, AT THE SAME TIME, AFTER HAVING SAID THAT,  
4 AS YOUR AUDITOR, FRAUD OCCURS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND  
5 LATELY IT'S BEEN OCCURRING IN BIGGER AMOUNTS, AND IT CONCERNS  
6 ME, AND THAT WE NEED TO WORK HARDER AT WHAT WE'RE DOING AND BE  
7 MORE CREATIVE IN OUR METHODS. SO WE DON'T WANT TO DENY THE  
8 REALITY OF THE FACT THAT FRAUD IS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
9 ANYONE WHO PUTS A PRICE TAG ON THAT IS REALLY IN A VERY  
10 PRECARIOUS POSITION AND I DON'T CONCUR THAT THE FRAUD IS  
11 ANYWHERE NEAR A NUMBER LIKE THAT, AND-- BUT IT OCCURS. WE FIND  
12 3 OR \$4 MILLION A YEAR, AND I'M SURE THERE IS MORE OUT THERE,  
13 I KNOW THERE'S MORE OUT THERE. WE HAVE A LOT OF AREAS WE NEED  
14 TO WORK ON: WORKERS' COMP IS AN AREA THAT WE NEED TO WORK ON.  
15 I NEED TO WORK MORE AND MAYBE GET MORE RESEARCH TO WORK ON  
16 POTENTIAL COMPUTER SECURITY. THERE WAS A COUPLE OF FRAUDS  
17 RECENTLY THAT CONCERN ME GREATLY REGARDING COMPUTER SECURITY.  
18 SO THERE ARE FRAUD, BUT THAT NUMBER IS A GUESS, A WILD NUMBER.  
19 IT'S A NATIONAL FIGURE AND AS I SAID, THE VERY NEXT BULLET IN  
20 THE ARTICLE SAID THAT IT WAS \$4,500 PER EMPLOYEE. AGAIN,  
21 THAT'S A VERY NUMBER BUT THAT LOWERS THE NUMBER TO HALF-- MORE  
22 THAN HALF OF THAT. YOU HAVE A FRAUD HOTLINE, THEIR NUMBER  
23 GROWS MORE THAN HALF OF THAT, AND WE HAVE THE OTHER-- AND THEN  
24 THEY SAY IF YOU HAVE OTHER EMPLOYEE PROGRAMS, IT LOWERS IT  
25 MORE, BUT WE HAVE ALL THOSE PROGRAMS, SUPERVISORS, AND SO WE--



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1 IT'S AN AREA THAT REQUIRES, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE EXTENSIVE  
2 ATTENTION TO BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE NO  
3 MORE FRAUD IN A BUDGET AS BIG, AN ORGANIZATION AS BIG AS THIS,  
4 90,000 EMPLOYEES, \$16 BILLION BUDGET. WE ARE, AT THIS TIME,  
5 OVERWHELMED WITH INVESTIGATIONS OF FRAUD, AND BUT WE'RE  
6 FINDING MORE. THAT'S GOOD, AND WE NEED TO BE MORE CLEVER ON  
7 HOW WE FIND ADDITIONAL SO.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY, ON SUPERVISOR  
10 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, ON THE REWARD. DID YOU PICK UP 50, OR I  
11 ADDED-- I WANTED TO ADD 10, I DIDN'T KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE-- I  
12 DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT SITS. I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS VERY CLEAR  
13 'CAUSE IT WAS SORT OF--

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU ADDED 10?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I WAS ADDING 10 SO I--

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WE WOULD PUT 5,000 DOWN SO. SO  
20 MAKE IT 25. ALL RIGHT I THINK WE GOT EVERYONE'S ADJOURNMENTS  
21 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. ANYTHING ELSE? OKAY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE  
24 JUDGE HOGLEBOON ADJOURNING MOTION. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
25 THE MEMORY OF MIKE RUBENFELD, A LONG-TIME ACTIVIST IN THE



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1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHO PASSED AWAY THIS LAST WEEK. ALSO, TAMMY  
2 GOWER, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, CO-FOUNDER WITH  
3 HER HUSBAND, TONY, OF THE DERBY NIGHTCLUB IN LOS FELIZ, DIED  
4 OF CANCER AT THE AGE OF 51, AND HENRY G. WALTER, A LONG-TIME  
5 RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, AND NAVY VETERAN AND COMMUNITY  
6 LEADER WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE  
7 ROSITA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AMERICAN LEGION POSR 308. HE'S  
8 SURVIVED BY HIS SON AND DAUGHTER AND GRANDCHILDREN. I DON'T  
9 KNOW IF WE ADJOURNED IN THE MEMORY OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN  
10 RHODES. DID YOU DO THAT? BUT I THINK WE SHOULD ADJOURN IN HIS  
11 MEMORY.

12  
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FROM ARIZONA. YOU PROBABLY SERVED WITH HIM.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH I DID.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S IT FOR ME.

22  
23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF THERE'S NO FURTHER ITEMS,  
24 THEN PUBLIC COMMENT, WE HAVE MARIAN SAFAOUI, DR. MARIAN  
25 SAFAOUI. WE HAVE LES HAMMER, AND DR. JULIETTE ZELADA, WOULD



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1 YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? THOSE ARE ALL ON THE HEALTH ISSUE. [  
2 INDISTINCT VOICES ]

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4 **DR. MARIAN SAFAOUI:** HI. MY NAME IS DR. MARIAN SAFAOUI AND I'M  
5 A FIFTH YEAR GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENT AT THE KING-DREW MEDICAL  
6 CENTER. I COME BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS  
7 THAT WE HAVE REGARDING THE IMPACT THAT THE CLOSURE OF OUR  
8 PROGRAM WILL HAVE ON NOT ONLY OUR RESIDENTS' LIVES AS WELL  
9 THAT OF THE COMMUNITY OF SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. THAT WE ARE  
10 DEDICATED TO SERVE. I, LIKE MANY OF MY OTHER FELLOW RESIDENTS,  
11 CHOSE TO TRAIN AT KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER BECAUSE OF THE  
12 QUALITY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING THAT WE RECEIVE AND WE ALSO  
13 HAD A DESIRE TO SERVE THE UNDERSERVED AND THOSE IN THE  
14 COMMUNITY THAT NEED QUALITY MEDICAL CARE. SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE  
15 REQUEST THAT YOU HELP US IN FINDING A SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM  
16 THAT WE ARE NOT ONLY FACING THAT NOT ONLY AFFECTS THE LIVES OF  
17 THE 36 RESIDENTS THAT ARE AFFECTED, BUT ALSO THE LIVES OF THE  
18 TWO MILLION PEOPLE IN THAT COMMUNITY. WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE  
19 GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENCY PROGRAM, SUCH VITAL SERVICE--  
20 SURGICAL SERVICES SUCH AS EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE TRAUMA  
21 THAT WE RECEIVE ON A DAILY BASIS WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDED TO  
22 THE COMMUNITY. MOST OF THE TRAUMA THAT WE RECEIVE IN EMERGENCY  
23 SERVICES, THE PATIENTS ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION AND ARE NOT  
24 ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL, US BEING THE NEAREST  
25 HOSPITAL, WE CANNOT TRANSFER THEM OUT TO L.A. COUNTY, U.S.C.,



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1 OR HARBOR-U.C.L.A. BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT MAKE IT IN THEIR  
2 CONDITION. WE JUST IMPORE YOU TO HELP US FIND A SOLUTION FOR  
3 THIS, 'CAUSE IT'S NOT ONLY OUR LIVES AND OUR CAREERS THAT HAVE  
4 BEEN AFFECTED, BUT ALSO THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE DEDICATED OUR  
5 LIVES TO SERVE. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK  
6 BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY AND FOR HELPING US FIND A SOLUTION TO  
7 OUR PROGRAM.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ORDINARILY WE DON'T REPLY, BUT I THINK WE  
10 SHOULD SAY TO YOU THAT THE TERMINATION DATE THAT WAS  
11 ORIGINALLY JUNE 30TH, 2003, HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN BY THE  
12 ACCREDITING AUTHORITY. THEY ARE GOING TO COME BACK AND THE  
13 SCHOOL WILL TRY TO WORK OUT SOMETHING THAT WILL ASSURE THAT  
14 THOSE RESIDENTS WHO WERE THERE HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO COMPLETE  
15 THEIR RESIDENCY. IN YOUR CASE, THERE'S NO QUESTION. EVEN UNDER  
16 THEIR RULE, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE ADEQUATE TIME. HOWEVER,  
17 THERE WILL BE AN ATTEMPT TO SEE IF THE ACCREDITING AGENCY  
18 WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HAVE MORE TIME SO MORE OF THE RESIDENTS  
19 WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO COMPLETE THEIR YEAR AND IF THEY WILL  
20 NOT GIVE THEM THE ADDITIONAL TIME TO-- THEN TO ALLOW THEM TO  
21 HAVE TIME TO GET OTHER POSITIONS FOR THOSE RESIDENTS IN OTHER  
22 HOSPITALS, BUT WE ARE WORKING-- I MET YESTERDAY FOR TWO HOURS  
23 WITH THE HOSPITAL AND WITH THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, WITH DREW  
24 MEDICAL SCHOOL, AND I KNOW THAT DR. GARTHWAITE, WHO IS HERE,  
25 IS WORKING TO TRY TO WORK OUT SOME KIND OF ARRANGEMENT SO THAT



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1 THE RESIDENTS WILL BE PROTECTED AND ALSO THAT WE CAN HAVE THE  
2 RESIDENTS' SERVICES AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. AND IN ADDITION TO  
3 THAT, THERE WILL BE AN ATTEMPT TO REINSTATE THE SURGERY  
4 PROGRAM. THAT IS A LITTLE BIT MORE DIFFICULT. BUT I'M SURE HE  
5 WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK TO YOU ALSO.

6

7 **DR. ALMAS SHAIKH:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MY NAME IS DR. ALMAS  
8 SHAIKH, I'M HERE SITTING FOR DR. JULIETTE ZELADA WHO COULDN'T  
9 MAKE IT. I'M A THIRD-YEAR SURGICAL RESIDENT ALSO AT THE MARTIN  
10 LUTHER KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER. AS YOU KNOW AND EVERYONE IS  
11 WELL AWARE THE SURGICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM DID HAVE  
12 ITS ACCREDITATION WITHDRAWN. AND I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED NOT ONLY  
13 BECAUSE THIS WILL HAVE A GRAVE IMPACT ON MYSELF, MY  
14 COLLEAGUES, AND OUR CAREERS, BUT BECAUSE THIS WILL VERY  
15 SERIOUSLY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE. I WAS A GRADUATE OF  
16 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WHERE I WAS FIRST  
17 INTRODUCED TO A POPULATION OF THE UNDERSERVED, WHERE THEY DO  
18 TREAT THE UNDERSERVED AND CHOSE SPECIFICALLY TO CONTINUE MY  
19 TRAINING AT MARTIN LUTHER KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER BECAUSE IT  
20 SERVES A SIMILAR POPULATION, AND THAT COMMUNITY IS VERY  
21 UNDERSERVED AND THAT COMMUNITY IS VERY UNDERSERVED AND IN DIRE  
22 NEED OF MEDICAL SERVICE. AMONG ITS MANY SERVICES THAT HOSPITAL  
23 DOES PROVIDE LIFE SAVING TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY SURGICAL  
24 SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY IT SERVES. WITHOUT US, THESE  
25 PATIENTS WOULD BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR NEED OF CARE AND WOULD



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1 THAN LIKELY THEY WOULD DIE. WITHOUT US A LARGE PORTION OF THAT  
2 HOSPITAL WILL NOT SURVIVE, IT WILL HAVE TO SHUT ITSELF DOWN  
3 BECAUSE THE SURGICAL RESIDENTS IN MANY WAY ARE THE BACKBONE OF  
4 THAT HOSPITAL. SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'M HERE TODAY REALLY ONLY TO  
5 IMPORE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR EXPERTISE TO ASSIST US IN  
6 FINDING A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE  
7 DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE ACCREDITATION FROM OUR PROGRAM WILL  
8 HAVE A GRAVE IMPACT FAR REACHING THAT I DON'T THINK ANY ONE OF  
9 US CAN EVEN IMAGINE HERE. PEOPLE'S LIVES WILL BE LOST AND  
10 CAREERS WILL SERIOUSLY BE DERAILED. PLEASE HELP US IN ANY WAY  
11 THAT YOU POSSIBLY CAN TO SAVING NOT ONLY OUR PROGRAM, BUT THE  
12 HOSPITAL AND THE COMMUNITY IT SERVES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,  
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND ALLOWING US TO BE HERE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I WILL BE MORE THAN WILLING TO MEET  
16 WITH THE RESIDENTS TO KEEP THEM INFORMED AS TO WHAT'S  
17 HAPPENING, JUST IN CASE THEY AREN'T--

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D JUST BE CURIOUS, AS LONG AS  
20 THEY'VE SAT HERE ALL AFTERNOON, WHAT DO YOU THINK A SOLUTION  
21 WOULD BE FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE? YOU KNOW THE SITUATION WE  
22 FACE. WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO US?

23

24 **DR. MARIAN SAFAOUI:** I THINK WE SHOULD-- IF WE KNOW WE'VE LOST  
25 OUR ACCREDITATION, AND THAT CANNOT BE OVERTURNED. SURGERY IS A



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1 VITAL SERVICE FOR THE KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER, AND IT REALLY  
2 NEEDS SURGERY SERVICES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CARE THAT IS  
3 CRITICAL TO THAT COMMUNITY. FOR OURSELVES, THE 36 RESIDENTS  
4 THAT ARE AFFECTED, WE CHOSE TO TRAIN AT KING, WE WANT TO  
5 CONTINUE TO TRAIN AT KING, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE, FROM THE  
6 FIRST-YEAR CLASS TO THE GRADUATING SIXTH-YEAR CLASS, THAT WE  
7 CAN STILL CONTINUE OUR EDUCATION AND FINISH OUT OUR CLASSES.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT HOW CAN YOU DO THAT IF THE HOSPITAL  
10 DOESN'T HAVE THE ACCREDITATION OR THE SCHOOL DOESN'T HAVE THE  
11 ACCREDITATION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE SCHOOL DOESN'T HAVE THE ACCREDITATION.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE SCHOOL, I'M SORRY.

16

17 **DR. MARIAN SAFAOUI:** THE SCHOOL DOESN'T HAVE ACCREDITATION.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE HOSPITAL WOULD HAVE TO CONTRACT WITH  
20 OTHER DOCTORS YEAH.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR WITH ANOTHER SCHOOL.

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24 **DR. MARIAN SAFAOUI:** THE HOSPITAL WOULD HAVE TO CONTRACT WITH  
25 ANOTHER SCHOOL, OR THE A.C.G.ME. COULD ACTUALLY, WHEN THEY



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1 DECIDE-- WHEN R.R.C., THE RESIDENCY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE  
2 A.C.G.M.E. DECIDES OUR FATE AS TO WHETHER THEY WILL ALLOW THE  
3 HOSPITAL TO CONTINUE TO RUN TO GRADUATE THE RESIDENTS THAT IT  
4 HAS ALREADY CONTRACTED OR IT DECIDES TO FIND OTHER JOBS FOR US  
5 IN EITHER U.S.C., U.C.L.A., OR HARBOR-U.C.L.A., THE OTHER  
6 COUNTY HOSPITALS OR ANY OTHER SURGICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN  
7 THE UNITED STATES, THAT PART OF OUR FATE IS STILL  
8 UNDETERMINED. WE WOULD LIKE TO FINISH THERE, AND IF THERE'S A  
9 WAY THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY FINISH OUR TRAINING THERE, WE WOULD  
10 APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE MAJORITY OF OUR  
11 RESIDENTS HAVE CHOSEN TO DO, IS DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO SERVE  
12 THE UNDERSERVED AND THE COMMUNITY THAT REALLY NEEDS OUR  
13 SERVICES.

14  
15 **ALMAS SHAIKH:** AND I THINK JUST LIKE DR. SAFAOUI WAS SAYING,  
16 JUST TO REITERATE, I THINK WE'D LIKE TO SEE THAT THE  
17 ACCREDITATION, YOU KNOW, BE HELD AT LEAST FOR THE CLASSES THAT  
18 ARE THERE ALL THE WAY FROM THE FIRST-YEAR CLASS TO THE SIXTH-  
19 YEAR CLASS, BECAUSE TRYING TO REPOSITION US AND PUT US IN  
20 ANOTHER HOSPITAL AND ANOTHER SITUATION REALLY, YOU KNOW, WILL  
21 NOT DO MUCH FOR THE COMMUNITY THERE, WHO IS GOING TO TAKE CARE  
22 OF THOSE PATIENTS AND WHO'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE  
23 THAT COME THROUGH THERE? I MEAN I SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT IF  
24 YOU DO NOT HAVE THE SURGICAL RESIDENTS IN THAT HOSPITAL, YOU  
25 WILL BE SHUTTING DOWN A VERY LARGE PORTION OF THAT HOSPITAL



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1 AND, UNFORTUNATELY, A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL SUFFER THE IMPACT OF  
2 THAT DECISION.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, UNFORTUNATELY, NONE OF US WERE AWARE  
5 OF WHAT-- WE KNEW THEY WERE ON PROBATION, BUT WE DID NOT KNOW  
6 THERE WAS--

7

8 **ALMAS SHAIKH:** NEITHER DID WE [ OVERLAPPING VOICES ]

9

10 **DR. MARIAN SAFAOUI:** WE WERE NOT INFORMED.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO AND WE WERE NOT INFORMED, OUR HEALTH  
13 DEPARTMENT WAS NOT INFORMED BECAUSE IT IS AN INDEPENDENT  
14 SCHOOL. IT'S A UNIVERSITY, IT'S A MEDICAL SCHOOL THAT OPERATES  
15 INDEPENDENTLY WITH ITS OWN PRESIDENT, DEAN, BOARD, JUST LIKE  
16 EVERY OTHER-- LIKE U.S.C. AND U.C.L.A. WE CERTAINLY ARE  
17 SUPPORTIVE OF TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS--  
18 - I AGREE, CONTINUE FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE. I'M NOT  
19 SURE WHAT THE DETERMINATION IS GOING TO BE WHEN THEY COME  
20 BACK, BUT WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. WE WILL WORK WITH YOU.

21

22 **DR. MARIAN SAFAOUI:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **ALMAS SHAIKH:** THANK YOU.

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1   **LES HAMMER:** LES HAMMER, PASADENA. I COMMEND SUPERVISOR MICHAEL  
2   ANTONOVICH FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO ADDRESS THE FUNDAMENTAL  
3   REASON WHY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS \$200  
4   MILLION OR MORE IN THE RED, NAMELY, ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. I  
5   RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT HIS COLLEAGUES, YVONNE BURKE, GLORIA  
6   MOLINA, AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, SUPPORT HIS CALL FOR IMMIGRATION  
7   REFORM INCLUDING A TEMPORARY GUEST WORKER PROGRAM AND EMPLOYER  
8   HEALTH INSURANCE BONDS. MS. BURKE, I HAVE A SECOND UNRELATED  
9   ITEM PERTAINING TO THE BOARD DECISION ON THE GUBERNATORIAL  
10   RECALL. I'M NOT SURE OF PROCEDURE. DO I ADDRESS IT NOW OR  
11   LATER?

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN ADDRESS IT. YOU CAN-- YOU'RE IN  
14   PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ADDRESS WHATEVER ISSUE YOU  
15   WANT.

16

17   **LES HAMMER:** ALL RIGHT. I KNOW THAT LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL  
18   STATED ITS OPPOSITION TO THE CAMPAIGN TO RECALL GRAY DAVIS,  
19   BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TOOK A POSITION  
20   OR NOT. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL AND  
21   COLLECTIVE OPINION, I WAS ONE OF 155,000 VOLUNTEERS, NOT 3,000  
22   MERCENARIES WHO COLLECTED MOST OF THE 1.6 MILLION SIGNATURES  
23   THAT WERE PLACED ON THE HISTORIC RECALL ON THE STATE BALLOT,  
24   AND I WAS PART OF A 1999 CAMPAIGN BY VOICE OF CITIZENS  
25   TOGETHER TO RECALL GRAY DAVIS AFTER HE FAILED TO DEFEND



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1 PROPOSITION 187 IN FEDERAL COURT. A CAMPAIGN THAT GARNERED  
2 MORE THAN 437,000 SIGNATURES, A CAMPAIGN THAT THE REPUBLICAN  
3 PARTY REFUSED TO ENDORSE, AND A CAMPAIGN THAT MAIN STREET  
4 MEDIA, NOTABLY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, REFUSED TO TOUCH.  
5 HOWEVER, I WAS ONE OF A HALF A DOZEN PEOPLE WHO PICKETED THE  
6 DAILY NEWS ON FEBRUARY 14TH, 2000, TO PROTEST THE MEDIA  
7 BLACKOUT. WHAT WE SARDONICALLY CALLED THE SAINT VALENTINE'S  
8 DAY MASSACRE, FORCED THE PAPER TO ADMIT THE TRUTH THAT GRAY  
9 DAVIS WAS THE TARGET OF A RECALL, AND HERE IS THE PROOF. A  
10 COPY OF A STORY THAT APPEARED IN THE DAILY NEWS ON FEBRUARY  
11 15TH, 2000. CONTRARY TO CLAIMS OF THE PAPER, THIS IS ALL THERE  
12 WAS OF WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A FRONT-PAGE STORY IN EVERY  
13 NEWSPAPER AS WELL AS EVERY RADIO AND TELEVISION STATION IN  
14 THIS STATE. THE 1999 CAMPAIGN TO RECALL GRAY DAVIS IS NOT  
15 IRRELEVANT, POINTLESS, OR STUPID. IF THE MEDIA HAD REPORTED  
16 THIS STORY INSTEAD OF SUPPRESSING IT, CALIFORNIA AND LOS  
17 ANGELES MIGHT NOT BE IN THE POSITION THEY ARE IN TODAY.

18  
19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHERMAN NEUSOM, PLEASE  
20 COME FORWARD. YOU KNOW, DR. GARTHWAITE IS HERE, IF THERE ARE  
21 MEMBERS WHO WISH TO HEAR FROM HIM ON THOSE ISSUES, ON THE  
22 HEALTH ISSUES, IF NOT, WE WILL DO IT IN TWO WEEKS. ALL RIGHT,  
23 YES, MR. NEUSOM.



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1   **SHERMAN NEUSOM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE  
2   MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M HERE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT SERIOUS  
3   PROBLEMS I'VE HAD WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SOUTHWEST  
4   DISTRICT OFFICE. I THINK THAT OFFICE HAS BEEN A DESTRUCTIVE  
5   INFLUENCE, AND I DON'T THINK THE DIRECTOR, JANICE LEWIS,  
6   UNDERSTANDS HOW MUCH DAMAGE SHE AND HER STAFF CAN DO BY GOING  
7   OUT AND ISSUING OFFICIAL NOTICES OF VIOLATION AGAINST PROPERTY  
8   OWNERS IN COLLUSION WITH BAD ATTENDANCE WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE  
9   PROPERTY OWNER IN ADVANCE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO THE PROPERTY.  
10   I THINK THE POLICY OF HOLDING THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY  
11   RESPONSIBLE FOR ROACHES THAT A BAD TENANT CAN PLANT IN THE  
12   PROPERTY IS UNFAIR AND UNREASONABLE AND THAT THAT POLICY  
13   SHOULD BE CHANGED. IN ADDITION, AFTER A TENANT OR A HOUSING  
14   THIEF HAS MANIPULATED THOSE EMPLOYEES, THOSE INSPECTORS INTO  
15   ISSUING AN OFFICIAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE  
16   OWNER, THE TENANT CAN PREVENT THE OWNER FROM ENTERING THE  
17   PROPERTY AND CORRECTING THE LITTLE VANDALISMS THAT THE TENANT  
18   HAS DONE AND THEREBY EXTEND THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THE TENANT  
19   IS ABLE TO REMAIN THERE WITHOUT PAYING RENT UNDER THE  
20   REGULATION THAT ALLOWS TENANTS TO WITHHOLD RENT AND NOT TURN  
21   IT OVER TO ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY. SO WHENEVER A TENANT DOES  
22   WITHHOLD RENT BECAUSE OF-- BECAUSE OF THE TENANT'S ALLEGATIONS  
23   THAT A PROPERTY THAT THE TENANT WISHES TO CONTINUE TO LIVE IN  
24   IS NOT HABITABLE, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST TURN THAT RENT OVER TO  
25   AN AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD HAVE CONTROL OF IT. AND



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1 I'VE BEEN SERIOUSLY VICTIMIZED TO THE EXTENT OF SEVERAL  
2 THOUSAND DOLLARS BY A TENANT AT 3458 WEST 67TH STREET MISUSING  
3 THIS SOUTHWEST-- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SOUTHWEST DISTRICT  
4 OFFICE AND THE RESOURCES OF GOVERNMENT THAT THEY HAVE UNDER  
5 THEIR CONTROL.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU SAYING THAT THEY CITE THE TENANT BUT  
10 NOT THE PROPERTY OWNER?

11

12 **SHERMAN NEUSOM:** NO, THEY CITE THE OWNER. THE OWNER DOESN'T  
13 LIVE THERE, THE TENANT DOES. THE TENANT CAN GO INTO A PLACE  
14 WHERE THERE ARE NO ROACHES AND INTRODUCE ROACHES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO DO THEY CITE YOU BOTH AT THE SAME TIME?

17

18 **SHERMAN NEUSOM:** NO, THEY ONLY CITE THE OWNER.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE TENANT IS NOT AWARE.

21

22 **SHERMAN NEUSOM:** THE TENANT CAN BRING THE ROACHES TO THE PLACE,  
23 BECAUSE THE TENANT CAN MOVE INTO A PLACE WHERE THERE ARE NO  
24 ROACHES, BRING SOME ROACHES IN, DO SOME PETTY VANDALISM,  
25 REMOVE SOME FACE PLATES, DAMAGE SOME DRAWERS AND ELECTRIC



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1 PLUGS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AGENCY WILL GO OVER WITHOUT  
2 TELLING THE OWNER AND WRITE AN OFFICIAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
3 AGAINST THE OWNER AND--

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU HAVE NO OPPORTUNITY TO REPAIR.

6

7 **SHERMAN NEUSOM:** AND IT CAN CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE SOMEONE? WE'LL GET SOMEONE TO  
10 TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS, LET'S SEE. JUST A FEW MINUTES, AND  
11 THEN WE'LL HAVE OUR HEALTH DEPUTY TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT, IF  
12 YOU'LL JUST WAIT OUT THERE. SHE'S TALKING TO THE-- MEETING  
13 WITH THE STUDENTS, BUT SHE'LL MEET WITH YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, IF DR. GARTHWAITE COULD MAYBE RESPOND  
16 QUICKLY TO, ONE, YOU KNOW, THE ISSUES THAT YOU RAISED, JUST  
17 QUICKLY, BUT THE OTHER ONE, HIS COMMENT IN THE PAPER ABOUT  
18 STARTING FROM SCRATCH, A TIME LINE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR  
19 ACCREDITATION VERSUS WHAT THESE YOUNG SURGEONS WERE TALKING  
20 ABOUT RIGHT HERE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND CAN I JUST PIGGYBACK ON THAT AND THROW  
23 ANOTHER QUESTION IN THAT YOU CAN ANSWER, WHICH IS, WHAT ARE  
24 THE POSSIBILITIES AND THE ADVISABILITY OF HOOKING UP WITH



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1 ANOTHER TEACHING HOSPITAL, SUCH AS U.C.L.A. OR U.S.C. AS PART  
2 OF A SHORT-TERM OR A LONG-TERM OR BOTH?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OKAY. I APOLOGIZE IF I DON'T FOLLOW THE  
5 TRAIN OF THOUGHT EXACTLY I WAS TALKING TO THE RESIDENTS IN THE  
6 AISLE. JUST SO THAT EVERYONE HAS THE SAME BASE OF INFORMATION,  
7 I WAS NOTIFIED, I BELIEVE IT WAS ON THE 20TH AND LATE IN THE  
8 AFTERNOON THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A SUMMARY DISAPPROVAL OF  
9 SURGERY AT KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
10 OFFICIALS THERE, WE'VE DETERMINED THAT THE REASON THAT-- FOR  
11 THIS WAS THAT THEY HAD RUN TOO MANY RESIDENTS-- THEY WERE TWO  
12 OVER THEIR MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF 38. IN REVIEWING THE FACTS OF THE  
13 MATTER, WE FELT THAT IT WAS CRITICAL TO CHANGE THE LEADERSHIP  
14 OF THAT PROGRAM SINCE THIS SEEMED TO BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE  
15 ERROR AND TO GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE BOARD ULTIMATELY, THAT  
16 WE WEREN'T ARGUING WITH THEIR RULES, THAT WE WERE JUST SIMPLY  
17 UNAWARE OF THEM, AND WE MADE THAT CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP. WE  
18 HAVE 30 DAYS TO FILE A REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION, AT WHICH  
19 TIME THE REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL HAVE ANOTHER 14 DAYS TO EITHER  
20 RESCIND THE WITHDRAWAL OR TO CONFIRM IT. THERE'S NOT A FORMAL  
21 APPEAL PROCESS, ALTHOUGH I THINK THE LANGUAGE IS A LITTLE  
22 AMBIVALENT IN THAT YOU CAN SEND A RECONSIDERATION REQUEST BUT  
23 THERE'S GOT NO APPEAL. ONCE-- WE KNOW THAT ONCE THEY DECIDE--  
24 THEY SEE OUR REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION, THEN THEY WOULD SET  
25 A DATE FOR CLOSURE. THAT HAS NOT BEEN SET YET, AND WE WOULD



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1 ARGUE CERTAINLY THAT THAT WOULD BE PUSHED OUT AT LEAST TO THE  
2 END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR, SINCE THIS IS AN ISSUE OF  
3 ADMINISTRATION, NOT OF CARE AND COMPETENCE, AT LEAST ACCORDING  
4 TO THEIR LETTER. THE IMPLICATIONS FOR MEDICAL CARE I THINK ARE  
5 HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT. IF WE LOSE THE PROGRAM, WE WILL HAVE TO  
6 FIND ADEQUATE SURGICAL STAFF COVERAGE. SURGERY IS A CRITICAL  
7 PART OF KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER. I THINK IT COULD BE RUN  
8 WITHOUT RESIDENTS, BUT WE WOULD NEED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE,  
9 PROBABLY SOME ADDITIONAL SURGEONS TO HAVE ADEQUATE COVERAGE,  
10 AND I CAN'T TELL YOU YET, BECAUSE WE'VE DONE NO ASSESSMENT AS  
11 TO THE EXPENSE RELATIVE TO THE EXPENSE OF THE EDUCATIONAL  
12 PROGRAM, WHAT THE EXPENSE MIGHT BE IF WE RAN IT WITH STAFF.  
13 THE IMPLICATIONS TO THE SURGERY RESIDENTS ARE PRETTY OBVIOUS.  
14 WE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO HELP PLACE THEM IN OTHER PROGRAMS, AND  
15 I'M SURE THERE'LL BE SOME ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TO THE COUNTY  
16 BECAUSE OF THAT, AND THERE ARE IMPLICATIONS THAT WE DON'T  
17 FULLY UNDERSTAND YET ABOUT OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS. THERE ARE  
18 SOME INTER-RELATIONSHIPS WITH ANESTHESIA AND TRAINING PROGRAMS  
19 IN ANESTHESIA, AND THERE ARE CERTAINLY SOME INTER-  
20 RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE TRAUMA PROGRAM AS WELL. IT'S IMPORTANT  
21 TO NOTE THAT, AS OF TODAY, THERE'S NO REAL CHANGE IN HOW  
22 SURGERY IS BEING DELIVERED AT THIS HOSPITAL NOR WILL WE KNOW  
23 EVEN WHEN WE WOULD BE CLOSING IT UNTIL PROBABLY EARLY TO MID  
24 OCTOBER. AND IN TERMS OF THE LONGER-TERM, WHETHER WE SHOULD--  
25 IF WE DO END UP LOSING THIS PROGRAM AND WHATEVER DATE THAT IS,



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1 THE QUESTION IS, THEN, DO WE START ALL OVER WITH THE SAME  
2 PREMISE THAT WE'VE HAD, DO WE JUST RECRUIT ANOTHER CHIEF OF  
3 SURGERY TO KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND DO WE ATTEMPT TO, YOU  
4 KNOW, REBUILD A SURGERY PROGRAM THERE, THE SAME AS IT HAS BEEN  
5 WITH DIFFERENT LEADERSHIP, OR DO WE LOOK TO CHANGE SOME OF THE  
6 STRUCTURAL UNDERPINNINGS TO ASSURE PERHAPS GREATER SUCCESS IN  
7 THE FUTURE THAN HAS LED US HERE. AND I THINK LET US-- I'M NOT  
8 READY TO GIVE YOU A RECOMMENDATION YET BECAUSE I HAVEN'T  
9 GOTTEN ENOUGH INFORMATION. I'VE-- IN TALKING WITH OFFICIALS AT  
10 THE SCHOOL, WE'VE AGREED TO BRING IN INTERIM LEADERSHIP IN THE  
11 SURGERY DEPARTMENT FROM OUTSIDE THE INSTITUTION TO MAXIMIZE  
12 THE CHANCE THAT WE HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE  
13 ISSUES ARE, BOTH IN ADMINISTRATION OF THE SURGERY PROGRAM, BUT  
14 ALSO THE QUALITY OF CARE AND THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN THAT  
15 PROGRAM. SO ONE OF THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS COULD BE, DEPENDING  
16 ON WHAT WE LEARN FROM THAT, THAT WE MIGHT SEEK OTHER WAYS OF  
17 DELIVERING SERVICE IN SURGERY AND IN SOME OF THE OTHER  
18 PROGRAMS THAT HAVE HAD ACCREDITATION PROBLEMS, AND THAT COULD  
19 INCLUDE LOOKING AT COUNTY-WIDE TRAINING PROGRAMS, IT CERTAINLY  
20 ALSO COULD INCLUDE LOOKING AT AFFILIATED TRAINING PROGRAMS. I  
21 KNOW THAT IN SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS, WE'VE NOW BUILT SOME  
22 BRIDGES WITH HARBOR-U.C.L.A., FOR INSTANCE, TO GIVE ROTATIONS  
23 TO BOTH INSTITUTIONS FOR RESIDENTS FROM BOTH INSTITUTIONS, AND  
24 IT CUTS BOTH WAYS. WE'VE HAD RESIDENTS FROM HARBOR COME TO  
25 KING FOR-- AND FOR DERMATOLOGY, AND WE SENT I THINK SOME TO



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1 HARBOR FOR PEDIATRICS. SO THE IDEA OF SHARING AND OF BUILDING  
2 PROGRAMS THAT SHARE ACROSS OUR INSTITUTIONS IS ALSO PART OF  
3 THE FUTURE I THINK IN CERTAIN AREAS.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. GARTHWAITE, WHILE THE SUMMARY ACTION  
6 RELATED TO THE INTERNS, THERE WERE OTHER BASIS FOR THE REMOVAL  
7 OF ACCREDITATION, WHICH I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD SHARE, OTHER  
8 BASIS OTHER THAN ADDITIONAL-- TOO MANY RESIDENTS.

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10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WITH REGARDS TO SURGERY?

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK THAT PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD  
15 BEEN ON PROBATION, AND I THINK THAT WAS LARGELY RELATED TO THE  
16 ACADEMIC PRODUCTIVITY OF THE FACULTY AND THE PASS RATE OF  
17 RESIDENTS ON EXAMINATIONS.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR CAN I-- I READ SOMEWHERE, EITHER  
20 IN ONE OF YOUR REPORTS OR IN THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, I DON'T  
21 KNOW WHICH, THAT 8 OUT OF THE 18 DISCIPLINES ARE UNDER  
22 PROBATION OR SOME KIND OF INVESTIGATION. DOES THAT RING A  
23 BELL?

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK RIGHT NOW WE HAVE, I THINK SIX  
2 ON PROBATION SURGERY OR RADIOLOGY HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. FAMILY--  
3 FAMILY PRACTICE-- I'M SORRY, SURGERY'S BEEN WITHDRAWN, FAMILY  
4 PRACTICE, INTERNAL MEDICINE, ANESTHESIA AND PEDIATRICS ARE  
5 CURRENTLY ON PROBATION.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THERE-- ONE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AND SIX  
8 ARE ON PROBATION?

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TWO HAVE BEEN--

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12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** TWO WITHDRAWN AND FOUR ON PROBATION.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TWO-- FOUR ON PROBATION, SO SIX OUT OF-- ARE  
15 THERE 18 DEPARTMENTS?

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17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, SOME-- A COUPLE OF THESE ARE ON  
18 APPEAL AND THEY SORT OF RECEIVED, YOU KNOW, INTENT TO PUT ON  
19 PROBATION AND THEY COME BACK ON APPEAL.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY ARE THERE-- DEPARTMENTS ARE THERE  
22 18?

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24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** 18 IS CORRECT.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ONE-THIRD OF THE DEPARTMENTS OR THE  
2   DISCIPLINES AT THE HOSPITAL ARE EITHER WITHDRAWN OR UNDER-- OR  
3   ON PROBATION.

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5   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT'S APPROXIMATELY RIGHT.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THERE'S GOING TO BE AN APPEAL AND ALL  
8   THAT. FOR GETTING THE ACCREDITATION BOARD, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
9   CONCERNS AS THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
10   AND AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WHEN  
11   THAT-- BASED ON WHAT YOU KNOW AT KING- DREW AND BASED ON THAT  
12   KIND OF A STATISTIC, THAT ONE-THIRD OF THE DISCIPLINES ARE IN  
13   TROUBLE?

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15   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH I DO, I THINK THAT-- I HAVE  
16   CONCERN IN ANY PROGRAM THAT'S STRUGGLING AND HAVING TROUBLE. I  
17   THINK THAT SOME-- ANY LARGE ORGANIZATION THAT HAS-- OR ANY  
18   LARGE EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAS MANY PROGRAMS WILL GO  
19   THROUGH PERIODS WHERE THEY HAVE A PROGRAM OR TWO ON PROBATION  
20   OR ON APPEAL. I THINK THIS LARGER NUMBER IS MORE WORRISOME,  
21   OBVIOUSLY.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MS. BURKE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE  
24   MOTION BACK IN A COUPLE WEEKS, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT, AS I  
25   SAID TO YOU A MINUTE AGO PRIVATELY, I'LL SAY IT PUBLICLY, I



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1 HOPE THAT ALL OPTIONS ARE ON THE TABLE. I THINK-- AND I KNOW  
2 THAT--

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THE KEY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 9TH.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND, I UNDERSTAND.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ON SEPTEMBER 9TH THE ISSUE IS THE  
9 INSTITUTION AND WHETHER OR NOT IT REMAINS ACCREDITED.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT EVEN IF IT IS ACCREDITED,  
12 EVEN IF IT IS ACCREDITED, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT IS THE  
13 KIND OF FACILITY THAT WOULDN'T BE WORRISOME, TO USE YOUR TERM.  
14 OKAY. I MEAN IT'S ACCREDITED NOW IN SIX OF ITS 18 DISCIPLINES  
15 ARE ON WATCH OR BEEN WITHDRAWN. SO I UNDERSTAND THAT, AND I'M  
16 PREPARED TO WAIT ON THAT ISSUE, BUT WHAT I'M HOPING IS THAT NO  
17 ISSUE-- THAT NO POTENTIAL SOLUTION BE RULED OUT OR FORECLOSED,  
18 AND LET THE BOARD KNOW WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE AND LET THE BOARD  
19 MAKE THAT DECISION, BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU OWE IT TO THE  
20 RESIDENTS, YOU OWE IT TO THE PATIENTS. WE OWE IT TO THE  
21 RESIDENTS, WE OWE IT TO THE PATIENTS AND TO THE COMMUNITY, TO  
22 GET THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE, AND I THINK WE HAVE TO FACE UP TO  
23 REALITY, IF THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. I'M NOT-- I ASKED YOU,  
24 AND I HOPE I'M NOT BETRAYING A CONFIDENCE, I DON'T THINK I AM,  
25 I SAID WHAT ARE THE ODDS-- WHAT DID YOU THINK THE ODDS WERE



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1 THAT BY SEPTEMBER 9TH YOU GET A PASS ON THIS, AND YOU THOUGHT  
2 THERE WAS-- WHAT WERE YOUR--

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK IT'S BETTER THAN 50/50, AND I'M  
5 NO EXPERT.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND.

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9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'M NOT THE REVIEWER.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHEN I GO INTO SURGERY AND I ASK THE  
12 DOCTOR, WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF SURVIVAL AND HE SAYS THEY'RE  
13 SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN 50/50, THAT DOESN'T GIVE ME A WARM AND  
14 FUZZY FEELING, AND THIS IS EXACTLY THAT KIND OF ISSUE. THIS IS  
15 LIFE-AND-DEATH ISSUES FOR MANY OF THE PATIENTS WHO ARE-- MANY  
16 OF THE DISCIPLINES THAT ARE IMPACTED. I JUST-- I WANT TO JUST  
17 RAISE THE LEVEL OF URGENCY ABOUT IT. I KNOW MS. BURKE IS, AND  
18 I KNOW THAT'S WHY YOU SPENT THE TIME YESTERDAY AND ALL WEEKEND  
19 DOING THIS, BUT I JUST-- I THINK THIS IS A-- WE'RE ALL IN  
20 THIS, AND I THINK WE HAVE A HIGH MORAL OBLIGATION TO DO THE  
21 RIGHT THING.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THERE'S NO QUESTION. I MEAN, THE NUMBER  
24 ONE CONCERN HAS TO BE THE PATIENT AND THE LEVEL OF SERVICE.  
25 THAT'S NUMBER ONE. TAKING CARE OF THE DOCTORS AND WHAT MY



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1 CONCERNS ARE IS THERE'S JUST BEEN TOO MUCH PROTECTIVENESS OF  
2 FRIENDS AND MANY OF THOSE DOCTORS HAVE TREMENDOUS REPUTATIONS,  
3 THEY'RE OUTSTANDING, THEY'RE DEDICATED, BUT THEY MAY NOT  
4 NECESSARILY BE ACADEMICIANS WHO ARE PROVIDING THE TRAINING OR  
5 THEY MAY NOT BE ADMINISTRATORS. PLUS, SOME OF THE RULES HAVE  
6 CHANGED. THE ATTENDING PHYSICIANS MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES  
7 TO SUPERVISE THE RESIDENTS. THAT IS, AS I UNDERSTAND, A RULE  
8 THAT WAS JUST PASSED TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO. MANY OF OUR  
9 HOSPITALS HAVE NOT ADOPTED THAT PRACTICE, SO YOU HAVE  
10 RESIDENTS ACTING ALONE, AND THAT IS NOT ACCEPTED IN TERMS OF  
11 ACCREDITATION ANYMORE. THE ATTENDING PHYSICIANS HAVE TO BE  
12 THERE AT ALL TIMES, AND TO DR. GARTHWAITE'S CREDIT, HE HAS  
13 INSISTED-- IN HIS INTERVIEW, HE SAID THAT ONE OF THE THINGS HE  
14 WANTED TO SEE, IS THE SAME THING HE DID AT VETERAN  
15 ADMINISTRATION, WHICH WAS A SYSTEM OF WHERE EVERY ATTENDING  
16 PHYSICIAN HAD TO SIGN IN WHEN A SURGERY WAS PERFORMED, AND  
17 THAT THERE WAS A WAY OF DETERMINING THAT, IN FACT, THERE WAS  
18 AN ATTENDING PHYSICIAN THERE BESIDE THE RESIDENTS, AND  
19 CERTAINLY I BELIEVE THAT HE'S GOING TO HOLD TO THAT AND--

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21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IN FACT WE JUST DID A SPOT-CHECK, AND  
22 AT KING-DREW ALL THE ATTENDANTS WERE PRESENT WHEN WE SHOWED UP  
23 UNANNOUNCED, SO I THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING. I-- ONE OF THE  
24 REAL LEADERS IN QUALITY CARE IN AMERICA, DONNA BRUIK, SAYS  
25 THAT EVERY SYSTEM'S PERFECTLY DESIGNED TO GET THE RESULTS THAT



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1 IT'S GETTING. I THINK THAT IF WE WANT SOME DIFFERENT RESULTS,  
2 WE WANT THINGS TO IMPROVE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK AT SOME  
3 OF THE FUNDAMENTAL FORCES AT WORK, AND I'LL MAKE SURE WE DO  
4 THAT AND GET THAT TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** AND EXPRESS THE SAME SENSE OF URGENCY. THAT'S WHY  
7 I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT TIME LINE. I MEAN BASED ON WHAT  
8 WE'RE CONFRONTED WITH, WHAT KIND OF A TIME LINE ARE WE ON TO,  
9 YOU KNOW, YOU'RE TRYING TO DEAL WITH SYSTEMIC ISSUES,  
10 STRUCTURAL ISSUES. AND THERE IS A TRUE SENSE OF URGENCY HERE.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. I THINK, AS I READ THE RULES  
13 LAST NIGHT, I WAS READING THROUGH THE RULES FROM THE  
14 A.C.G.M.E., IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL PROBABLY NOT KNOW THE EXACT  
15 DATE THEY'RE EXPECTING UNTIL OCTOBER 9TH OR OCTOBER 14TH,  
16 SOMEWHERE IN THAT TIME FRAME, AND I WOULD ASSUME THEY WOULDN'T  
17 SAY YOU HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN IMMEDIATELY, BUT THEY'LL GIVE SOME,  
18 YOU KNOW, SOME REASONABLE-- HOPEFULLY SOME REASONABLE TIME  
19 FRAME, I WOULD HOPE THEY WOULD ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO THE END  
20 OF JUNE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW US A MUCH EASIER JOB IN PLACING THE  
21 RESIDENTS IN A MUCH MORE ORDERLY TRANSITION, AND WE'LL  
22 CERTAINLY MAKE THAT APPEAL IN OUR LETTER TO THEM.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** WOULD THAT BE PART OF OUR APPEAL, I MEAN COULD  
25 THEY DO IT A TOMORROW THING, I MEAN KIND OF A?



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH I THINK RIGHT NOW THEY GIVE-- WE  
3 HAVE 30 DAYS TO GET THEM A LETTER WITH ADDITIONAL FACTS, AND  
4 THEN THEY HAVE-- I THINK THEY ALLOW THEM SORT OF 14 DAYS OR SO  
5 TO RESPOND.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TO IMPROVISE  
8 IS THAT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL IS GOING TO HAVE TO SHARE WITH US  
9 ALL THE INFORMATION. IT'S PRETTY TOUGH TO GUESS, I MEAN, AND  
10 UNLESS YOU GET THE INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL, WE CAN'T PLAN  
11 ANYTHING, WE NEED TO REALLY GET COPIES AND-- OF ALL OF THOSE  
12 ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED SO WE KNOW WHAT--

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** OR JUST BE INFORMED.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT DOING TO ENSURE THAT  
17 THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS WORK TOGETHER AND ALSO SHARE THE  
18 INFORMATION?

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20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IN TERMS OF WORKING TOGETHER, WE HAVE A  
21 JOINT MEETING WITH ALL THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS EVERY MONTH OR TWO,  
22 AND EVERY COUPLE MONTHS, I GUESS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. IN  
23 TERMS OF SHARING THE INFORMATION, WE SHARE A LOT OF  
24 INFORMATION THERE AND THROUGH OUR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION  
25 OFFICE, THERE IS SOME RELUCTANCE AT GIVING UP THE ACTUAL SORT



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1 OF ACCREDITATION LETTER, WHICH HAS THE, YOU KNOW, THE SORT OF  
2 THE FRANK LANGUAGE FROM THE REVIEWERS WHO COME OUT. THAT HAS  
3 BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE A.C.G.M.E. AS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.  
4 THEY DO NOT RELEASE IT. IT HAS BEEN CHALLENGED IN A FEW COURTS  
5 ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND IT GENERALLY HASN'T BEEN RELEASED. I  
6 THINK THAT--

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THERE WAS A LAWSUIT, WE WOULD BE HELD  
9 RESPONSIBLE, WOULD THE BOARD, THE COUNTY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE  
10 OR THE MEDICAL SCHOOL?

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12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** A LAWSUIT WITH REGARD TO?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANY TYPE OF MALPRACTICE.

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16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, MALPRACTICE I THINK-- I DON'T  
17 THINK IT'S SO MUCH IN MALPRACTICE. I THINK MY CONCERN WITH  
18 THIS CASE IS WHAT ABOUT THE TWO RESIDENTS THAT WERE ADMITTED  
19 BEYOND THE LEVEL IF THEY DON'T GET TO COUNT THE YEAR THAT THEY  
20 PUT IN, WHERE IS THE LIABILITY THERE AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
21 THAT MEANS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO I'M TALKING ABOUT THE RELEASE OF THAT  
24 INFORMATION BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, EVERY WEEK, WE APPEAR TO BE  
25 AWARDING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR MALPRACTICE, AND



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1 IF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL IS HOLDING INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE OF  
2 VALUE FOR US BECAUSE WE'RE HELPING TO PAY THESE LAWSUITS, OR  
3 HAVE THE MEDICAL SCHOOL PAY THESE LAWSUITS AND ABSOLVE THE  
4 COUNTY FOR ANY COSTS.

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6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE INFORMATION  
7 THAT THEY'VE BEEN HOLDING ON TO WITH REGARDS TO THE  
8 ACCREDITATION WOULD-- IS PERTINENT WITH REGARDS TO THE  
9 LAWSUITS. THE LAWSUITS, BASICALLY THE RESIDENTS ARE BEING  
10 SUPERVISED AND THE PERSON THAT'S REALLY MOST ON THE HOOK FOR  
11 ANY MALPRACTICE ARE THE STAFF PHYSICIANS SUPERVISING THE  
12 RESIDENTS.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF U.C.L.A. HARBOR HAS A SOLID SURGEON  
15 RESIDENCY PROGRAM, THEN THAT INFORMATION POLICY CHANGES COULD  
16 BE ADOPTED AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, COULD IT NOT?

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18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'M SORRY. IF THE-- IF?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL HARBOR-U.C.L.A., IF THEY HAVE SUCH AN  
21 EFFECTIVE PROGRAM IN PLACE, WHY COULDN'T M.L.K. USE THOSE  
22 CONSTRUCTIVE POLICIES FOR THEIR FACILITY?

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24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT. AND I THINK I WOULD SAY THAT,  
25 YOU KNOW, AS MUCH AS WE LEARNED ACROSS OUR SYSTEMS FROM THE



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1 BEST PROGRAMS TO THOSE THAT MIGHT BE STRUGGLING, THE SURGERY  
2 PROGRAM AT U.S.C., I BELIEVE, WAS ON PROBATION IN THE MID-TO-  
3 LATE '90S, AND THEY MOST RECENTLY GOT A COMMENDATION, SO  
4 THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO TURN THAT AROUND. WE NEED TO LOOK AT  
5 SPECIFICALLY WHAT THEY DID TO DO THAT AND SHARE THAT  
6 INFORMATION, SO GOOD IDEA.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANYTHING FURTHER? THANK YOU THEN THAT  
9 CONCLUDED PUBLIC COMMENT.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
12 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS  
14 CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
15 EXISTING LITIGATION. ITEM CS-3, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES  
16 FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES; AND ITEM  
17 CS-4 AND AGENDA NUMBER 29, RECOMMENDATIONS 2 AND 3, CONFERENCE  
18 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, DAVID E.  
19 JANSSEN AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
20 AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO, THE BOARD MADE A FINDING  
21 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 (B) (2) THAT THERE  
22 IS NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AND THAT THE NEED FOR ACTION  
23 CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBSEQUENT  
24 TO THE AGENDA BEING POSTED AS SPECIFIED IN SUBDIVISION A AND  
25 INTENDS TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION WITH LEGAL COUNCIL CONSIDER



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1     SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, PURSUANT TO  
2     SUBDIVISION (B) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9. THANK YOU.

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1                   [NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,

2                                   TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2003.]

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4    There was no reportable action as a result of today's closed  
5    session.

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